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Students attending the Network international convention protest against terrorism outside the administration building of Lester B. Pearson International Airport. See story on page 3. [Mark Dodick photo]

Economic climate in 86

Modai offering optimism

By
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JERUSALEM —

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai offered an optimistic assessement of the government's economic program during the past year and an upbeat preview of the economic climate in 1986. He presented his forecast in an interview published last week in Yediot Achronot.

But his Likud colleague, Minister of Science and Development Gideon Patt, strongly dissented. With the same newspaper as his forum, Patt was sharply critical of the austerity economic policies engineered in large measure by Modai and claimed their perceived success was only "arithmetic psychological." He warned that the inflationary spiral, presently under tight control, may reappear in March and April.

Modai confidently predicted an inflation rate of between 20-30% in 1986 — compared to the triple digit rate less than a year ago and saw a monthly rise of the consumer price index not exceeding 1 to 2%. The rate for December, 1985, will probably be just over the 1%.

The country has reached an economic cool-down with an inflation rate similar to that of several European countries, Modai said.

He said the Treasury intends gradually to eliminate price controls, though it will retain them in such sensitive areas as rents and the prices of fruits and vegetables. He blamed the seasonal jump in the prices of the latter items for the slightly higher consumer price index in November. Tomatoes and cauliflower will not determine the index, he declared.

Modai held out the promise of "a shekel as stable as the dollar," implying indirectly that rumors another devaluation is imminent are groundless. The rate of the shekel will reflect the country's economic abilities, Modai said. He predicted that its exchange rate will rise much less than the price index and that as long as wages do not rise, there will be no need to raise the shekel.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai

Wage negotiations with Histadrut have not yet begun and Modai had little to say about wages except that he thought they would be similar to the 1985 levels. He also said little about unemployment which he saw as a regional problem with higher levels of joblessness in the development areas pushing up the naitonal average.

He said the problem of unemployment is being dealt with by a special government committee.

The finance minister contended that the government's economic policy did not cause the recent rash of financial difficulties in various companies though he admitted that the economic program did not help the companies. He predicted that the slump in the building industry will not get any worse. But he saw little hope for textiles, except as an export industry because the economic program allows for no growth in the domestic market.

Modai stated flatly that if prices rise as a result of the withdrawal of government subsidies, he would encourage competing imports to keep them down. He said the tax burden has shifted from wage-earners to the self-employed. He plans income tax reforms which will lower taxes and intends to change the structure of the national insurance plan so it will reflect the recipients' income.

If taxes go down, they will be balanced by the new trend of having the public pay for previously free government services, Modai said. The new $60 a year education tax is an example.

According to Patt, however, the proposed budget for the next fiscal year is as bad as the current one which he said increased unemployment, plunged the economy into a deep recession, endangered high-tech industry and investment and decreased exports.

Salaries erode with austerity

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The wages of Israel's austerity economic program is the erosion of wages. According to figures released at year's end by the Central Bureau of Statistics, the gross wages of civil service workers were down 22% in the second half of 1985 compared to the first half. The erosion for wage earners in other sectors was 17%.

In the past few months, the real value of wages has been lowered to the level of 1977. Those of public employees sank to the 1967 levels. In some quarters these developments are hailed as a sign of the successful battle against inflation. Housewives and others take a dim view. They say wage earners have made the greatest sacrifice to make the economic program work.

A concomitance of the wage erosion has been an erosion of private consumption which is down by 2%. During the first half of 1985, attempts to cool down the economy by means of a pacakage deal freezing wages, prices and taxes were unsuccessful. During the second half, the government launched an overall program aimed at putting a freeze on the entire economy.

The focus of the new plan was to freeze the shekel-dollar exchange rate at 1,500 shekels to $1. Agreement was reached with Histadrut on wages while the manufacturers agreed to government price controls. The government therefore was able to cut its budget, less by reducing programs than by slashing price subsidies and imposing new taxes. But interest rates were kept at a relatively high level.

As a result of the agreement with Histadrut, wages will improve in the next few months. Private consumption is expected to stay down. But contrary to government expectations, the rate of saving and investment has decreased as well. Israelis have less cash in their pockets, either to spend or to save.

Meanwhile, Israelis bid goodbye to the old shekel and welcome the new. As of Jan. 1, the old 1,000-shekel note is replaced by a new 1-shekel coin worth about 66 cents, or 1.5 to the dollar. This does not represent an upward valuation of the shekel; it is simply a matter of removing three zeroes.

Coalition expected to last—poll

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Most Israelis expect the national unity government to last out its normal 4-year term, according to a public opinion poll by the Pori Research Institute, published in the Haaretz daily.

The poll showed that 61.3% of the representative sample of 1,200 Israelis queried thought the coalition would not break up earlier, only 23.7% expected it to break up before the end of its normal term. The replies were evenly split among declared supporters of both the Labor and Likud parties.

Peres urges action against terror hosts

By
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WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Israel Premier Shimon Peres has urged countries to join together in taking non-military action against countries that harbor terrorists.

"I would strongly recommend that collective measures be taken against host countries," Peres said Sunday on ABC-TV's This Week with David Brinkley. "I am referring first and mainly to economic, political and other sanctions against this sort of country."

But Peres stressed that there can be no "immunity" for terrorists or their bases. He noted that when Israel bombed the Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunisia, it was not attacking Tunisia, which he called a "moderate" country, but was striking at an "extra-territorial base."

Peres' call for political and economic sanctions seemed to be in line with the Reagan administration's efforts to get the West European countries to join in imposing economic sanctions on Libya in the wake of the terrorist attacks on El Al counters at the Rome and Vienna airports Dec. 27.

Robert McFarlane, who recently left the post as President Reagan's national security adviser, appearing on the same ABC program, said the U.S. has been urging such action from the Europeans since 1981. He said collective action should be taken before more violent means are tried. He suggested that Europeans could start by bringing people out of Libya and then beginning to cut trade with the Libyans.

Peres said that "Europe is learning the hard way that something must be done and undoubtedly that Libya is the most evil country in many respects and surely when it comes to terror."

Meanwhile, Peres denied that the U.S. has pressured Israel either to retaliate or not to retaliate against those responsible for the airport atrocities. He said the U.S. has taken a

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Moslem terrorists kill second Lebanese Jew

BEIRUT (UPI) —

A Moslem fundamentalist terror group killed a second Jewish hostage and dumped his body in West Beirut last week to avenge what it called "Israeli aggressions" in southern Lebanon.

Police said the body of Isaac Tarab, 69, was found near Beirut's devastated downtown area. His slaying was the second of a Lebanese Jew held hostage in a week.

"The man was shot once in the head," a police spokesman said.

The Organization for the Oppressed on Earth, said in a statement published in the newspaper An Nahar it killed Tarab to avenge the expulsion of hundreds of residents from the southern Lebanese village of Kounin.

Last week, the group said it killed Chaim Cohen Halala, 38, (CJN Jan. 2) to avenge Israeli attacks on southern Lebanese villages. Israel staged the raids in retaliation for Palestinian guerrilla raids.

Halala's bullet-riddled body was found in the same downtown area where Tarab's body was dumped.

Mormon senator assures on non-proselytizing

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Republican Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, himself a Mormon, has assured Israel that no one associated with the proposed Brigham Young University study centre on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem will get involved in any proselytizing or missionary activity whatsoever. (See also story on page 2).

In an interview with this reporter, Hatch said he would immediately get involved if the commitments of the Mormon Church and the university not to undertake any missionary activity in Israel were in some way broken.

"I'll make this commitment," he said in his Senate office. "If there is anything improper that ever arises — and I will be the first to be surprised if there ever were because of the commitment made, and I am sure they will not be — but if anything ever did arise to indicate that centre was involved in proselytizing purposes, I will do everything in my power to make sure that that never happens.

"But if some misunderstanding does arise, I'll do everything in my power to resolve that misunderstanding. And if necessary, I'll go to the top leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints — the Mormon Church — in the most forceful way to do everything I can to change it."

Hatch, himself a graduate of the university, insisted that he could make that commitment "easily because I know that they will honor their commitments" not to undertake missionary activity in Israel.

The senator, during the interview, repeatedly argued that it was in Israel's own best interest to see the Mormon presence in Jerusalem expanded. The Mormon students who study there, he said, return to the United States as great friends of Israel. "And we're the fifth largest church in the United States," he said.

The students who go to Israel, he said, come back to the United States and automatically educate "a whole generation in this country about why Israel is so important — why we love those people so very, very much."

Hatch said he personally was very surprised and disappointed by the uproar

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World-National

Help Israel by fighting "Kahanism"

By
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Israeli newspapers are increasingly worried about the growth of extreme right wing nationalism. The term they use is "Kahanism" by which they mean not only Kach, the party of Rabbi Meir Kahane, but also the spirit it represents.

Rabbi Plaut

Kahane has consistently claimed that a Jewish state and democracy are incompatible, for in a democracy Arab citizens have the same rights as Jews and that, he says, is a contradiction in itself. He would therefore, by law, restrict the rights of Arabs who continue to live in Israel. For his model he went straight to the Nazis' Nuremberg laws, portions of which he introduced in the Knesset.

Now that body has ruled that racist parties will no longer be able to run in an election, and racist bills will no longer be acceptable on the parliament's agenda. But so far, that does not seem to have diminished the support which Kahanism is now enjoying in the country. Various polls (like those conducted by Hanoch Smith and the Van Leer Institute) show the worrisome growth of an avowedly anti-democratic sentiment, especially among the young. (It should be noted, however, that the Van Leer survey has been criticized for its methodology.)

Profound change

Such a development would have been deemed totally impossible even a few years ago. The fact is that democracy can no longer be taken for granted. Thirty-six years of war and terror and the unresolved situation on the West Bank have wrought a profound change in Israeli society. That Jews with their own history of suffering from racism, could ever be racists themselves or that fascism could seem to them an attractive alternative, shows that they are, after all, human and subject to the frailties of human behavior. Two sayings popular among our people described this cogently: "Jews are just like any other people, only more so;" and "Wie es sich christelt, so juedelt es sich" (As Christians do, so will Jews).

In addition, there is a stream of religious fundamentalism which supports such views. The late historian Uri Tal described this in his last published article, in The Jerusalem Quarterly (spring 1985). "Foundations of a political messianic trend in Israel" shows that the religious expectations of some quarters fuel the chauvinism of the extreme right. They reflect the belief that the existence of the State of Israel constitutes the beginning of Redemption. Because of this, certain policies, such as the repression of non-Jewish minorities, are not only permitted but required. To be sure, such a position is far from Israel's mainstream ideologies, but not so far that its intolerance stands totally alone.

New approach

Diaspora Jews have generally not discussed these trends, for fear that to do so would undermine support for Israel. It seems to me that the opposite is true. Sweeping these developments under the rug is no service to Israel, and Israelis, with their free and untrammeled press, are the first to say so.

Moreover, we ought to know that Israel's government, like the Knesset, is taking this problem seriously. A whole new approach to "education in democracy" is being put in place for schools and for the general public. Fortunately, democracy is still well and alive over there.

For us in the Diaspora, the surest way to help keep it vibrant is to support Israel's moral, social and political health to the fullest.

Too much at risk in U.S.

Mormon centre seen irreversible

By
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WASHINGTON —

Among Israeli diplomats and pro-Israeli American political activists in Washington, there is a consensus that Israel, with hindsight, made a major mistake when it first approved the construction of a Brigham Young University campus on a choice piece of Mount Scopus real estate in Jerusalem. But these same people still agree that Israel almost certainly would be making an even bigger blunder if it killed that project at this late date.

"It's much too late in the game," an Israeli official in Washington said sadly. "We have no choice but to let it go forward."

The concern among these people in Washington, of course, is that Israel's image — already in trouble because of the Jonathan Jay Pollard espionage scandal — would seriously deteriorate even further if it reversed the decision. There would be charges that Israel was violating basic religious and academic freedoms.

The Mormons, who run Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, would understandably be outraged by any such last-minute cancelation. And they represent an influential and powerful group in the United States.

Still, some American Jewish leaders involved in the issue believe that a last-minute compromise may yet be possible. Behind-the-scenes, they are actively encouraging the Mormons, themselves, to accept an alternative site for the facility. In recent weeks, there have been several unpublicized meetings. Their immediate goal is for a lengthy cooling off period so the issue can be considered more rationally, with less passion all around.

But for these Jewish leaders, the controversy is part of a bigger problem involving the disproportionate attraction by young American Jews to all sorts of non-Jewish religious groups and cults. These American Jewish activists fighting the cults, moreover, do not believe that Israel is fully aware of the dangers in permitting such groups to operate within Israel.

If these groups espouse pro-Israeli political views, they charge, Israeli authorities in recent years have generally allowed them to set up organizations in Israel. "We have to advise and sensitize Israel to the dangers," said Julius Berman, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

So far, the issue of the Brigham Young facility in Jerusalem has not really sparked a whole lot of public debate in Washington. But Republican Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, himself a Mormon, has expressed his deep concern.

It was largely at Hatch's request, in fact, that the Republican chairman of the foreign relations committee, Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, recently wrote a personal letter to Prime Minister Shimon Peres urging him to allow the building to be completed. Lugar called the university "one of the outstanding institution of higher education" in the United States. "I hope you will provide every appropriate assistance to the university in its endeavor in Israel," Lugar added.

But with that notable exception, there really has not been much public pressure on Israel to allow the construction to be completed. The Mormons have instead tried anxiously to resolve the situation relatively quietly, hoping it would not become a hot issue.

Privately, of course, the Mormons have made their views known to Israeli diplomats in the United States. The Israeli consul-general in Los Angeles, Ya'acov Even, visited Salt Lake City where he met with the top leaders of the Mormon faith. He also met with Brigham Young University officials who strongly appealed to him to underscore the importance of the issue to the foreign ministry.

In Washington, Yosef Ya'acov, the embassy diplomat charged with dealing with church affairs, received a delegation of Mormon leaders last summer. They conveyed assurances that the Brigham Young facility in Jerusalem would not get involved in any missionary activity in Israel.

There have been similar assurances by all of the top Mormon leaders, made both publicly as well as in writing, to Prime Minister Peres, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and other Israeli officials. They have actually gone so far as to promise that any student, administrator or faculty member associated with the university who disobeyed that commitment against missionary activity would be expelled from the Jerusalem program and brought immediately back to the United States.

Still, the controversy continues to mount in Israel. There have been lengthy news reports on the dispute published in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other major American newspapers. It was the debate within Israel which sparked those articles. They were not inspired by Mormons anxious to put increased public pressure on Israel to live up to its earlier promises of cooperation.

Further compounding the problem for Israel officials is the fact that the Mormons, since 1948, have been rather pro-Israel in their political orientation. This is one group of Americans, Israeli officials have said, which Israel would be wise not to antagonize.

Right now, the issue is still not front-page or prime time news in the United States. But a reversal of the decision in Jerusalem could quickly change all of that, according to Israeli officials in Washington.

"I think there could be a tremendous backlash, and not just from Capitol Hill," an Israeli official said. "We would be in trouble. The Mormons have their own very strong network around the country. It would be a disaster."

But in much of the American Jewish community, there is still deep concern about the Mormon presence right next door to the Hebrew University campus on Mount Scopus. At a recent press conference in New York, Julius Berman, the former chairman of the Presidents' Conference, and Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive director of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council, flatly opposed the new site for the Brigham Young project in Israel. They are involved in a special New York task force on missionaries and cults. That task force has been in business for seven years.

Hoenlein insisted that this was not "a black hat or Orthodox" issue in the American Jewish community. He said that many non-Orthodox Jewish groups were also concerned about the Mount Scopus site. He mentioned other members of his task force, including Hadassah and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) in particular.

Hoenlein said the presence of the Mormon students "on a site adjacent" to the Hebrew University represented a particularly strong threat to the thousands of visiting American Jewish students who spend some time there. "They are young, and vulnerable. We feel we have a right to protect Jews from this," he said.

Plight of homeless people is a scandal and disgrace

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

For better or worse, newspapers reflect the thinking of their times. In the old South, you could not tell from reading the newspapers that Black people existed. Not too long ago, no one ever mentioned homosexuality in the papers and the word cancer never appeared in print — not even in obituaries. Now it is John Doe we do not see.

John Doe is the name I have given a homeless man who froze to death the other night in Washington. The Washington Post, probably accurately reflecting community interest, routinely reported his death as a minor part of a weather story. The location of death was given as a downtown park. Nothing more.

There is something terribly wrong with a society that treats the death of a man by freezing as if it were a burst pipe or weather-related traffic tie-up. There is something wrong when death by freezing is so commonplace that newspaper editors, trained to anticipate questions readers will ask, do not even tell you where the man died, whether anyone saw him, whether the police tried to take him to a shelter, whether the law allows them to . . . nothing. It is as if death by freezing is an act of God.

But it is an act of man. Everyone knows that a man lying in a public park can die when the temperature drops and the wind howls. In a city where, it seems, every other person is a cop of some sort — city, federal, Secret Service, GAO, congressional and even, would you believe, Zoo — not one of them came across a man dying in a block-square park and took him to a shelter. Dogs, cats and plants were taken in from the cold, but not people. Crazy or sane, they have a constitutional right to freeze to death.

The plight of the homeless is a national scandal — and disgrace. With all the best intentions, we have opened the doors of Bedlam, our mental institutions, and allowed those who are deemed no danger to themselves or others to simply leave. In some ways, that was a good thing to do. Less and less do you read about the incarceration of people mistakenly diagnosed as crazy. Less and less do investigative reporters bring you horror stories about the warehousing of the insane — mammoth, barred buildings that serve as junkyards for damaged people.

But something has gone terribly wrong. The streets of major cities are now hospital wards. Every day on the way to work I pass a man who sits on the sidewalk, stares into nothingness and begs for money. A block later, I always see another like him — and then another and another, up to and including the one many in Washington know as Sky King, a bearded street person who has yet to meet a winter that's his match. This much is sure, though: One is coming.

In Washington, as in other cities, the deinstitutionalization process continues as if the evidence of its failure is not all around us. More and more of the mentally ill will be released from institutions, to be transferred to community homes or the care of families. On paper, that sounds wonderful, but it is only a matter of time until we read about scandals in the community homes and of families unable to cope with mentally ill relatives. Already, some desperate people put their insane relatives on buses and send them off to big cities. Gotham has many grates.

There has to be a way to safeguard the civil liberties of the homeless while, at the same time, safeguarding their very lives. New York Mayor Ed Koch is trying to do just that. When the temperature dips below freezing, he has authorized the police to bring the homeless off the streets — by force, if necessary. The policy seems sensible. Lawyers, social workers, psychiatrists are supposed to be standing by. Some feelings are hurt, but no one since has frozen to death. Let the injured sue. It is the privilege of the living.

A caring society has to distinguish between an esthetic problem and a real one. The homeless are unsightly, but that is hardly justification for forcible incarceration. But a caring society also has to guard against a hardening of the civic arteries, the growing callousness produced by the sheer numbers of homeless people. More and more that is the case. We are becoming inured to misery.

In Washington the other night, a man froze to death in a public park. No one stopped it from happening. No one much cared afterwards that it happened. The cause of death was a coincidence. The man lost body heat. We had already lost interest.

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World-National

WJC's Singer challenges Network convention

Delegates stage poignant anti-terror protest

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
The North American Jewish Students' Network international convention which opened here with a passionate challenge by World Jewish Congress Secretary General Israel Singer to dream a great dream, closed with a thundering challenge to all governments to eradicate world terrorism.

More than 200 delegates concluded the conference by standing resolute in blowing snow and bone-cold weather outside the administrative building of Lester B. Pearson International Airport.

They assembled to insist that PLO offices in North America be closed and their members expelled; that the Canadian and American governments publicly condemn states supporting the PLO; and that the PLO be ejected from all international bodies.

Chanting "Never Again," and "Say no to the PLO; say no to terrorism," and carrying posters stating "Put terrorists on trial — not on TV," the protesters denounced the recent onslaught at airports in Rome and Vienna.

Demanding that the Canadian government immediately request the removal of the PLO representatives from the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization, Moshe Ronen, North American president of Network, slowly shouted: "Ma'alot, Munich, Kiryat Shemona, Entebbe, Achille Lauro, Vienna, Rome."

"We know that these obscenities must 'stop,'" declared John Rothmann, foreign policy analyst and former advisor to President Nixon.

He asked for a moment of silence in memory of 11-year-old Natasha Simpson, slain at Leonardo DaVinci Airport. "Never again should a terrorist be captured and say, 'Our target was children,'" Rothmann said.

And while the crowd sang Hebrew songs, demonstrators garbed in white, shroud-like sheets covered with imitation blood stains formed a phalanx across the front of the building.

Before dispersing, the demonstrators sang the national anthems of Canada, the U. S. and Israel.

The protest capped an intense and intensive 5-day conference of the independent national Jewish students' union.

It included lectures, debates, elections, workshops, a 24-hour study vigil for Soviet Jewry, a panel discussion and more, held in the Skyline Hotel.

Arranged in 10 sessions, the 63 different workshops were organized according to the themes of External Threats to Jews, Internal Threats to Jews, and Israel Day.

Speakers and session leaders at the convention ranged from politicians, academics and lobbyists, to rabbis, community activists and students.

Among the many distinguished guests were: Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israeli ambassador to Canada; Prof. Emil Fackenheim; Minister of State for Finance Barbara McDougall; Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Lily Munro; Gideon Saguy, Israeli consul-general; Dr. Israel Singer, secretary general, World Jewish Congress; and U.S. Congressman Robert Toricelli from New Jersey.

The number of students and young adults attending the conference, (Dec. 26 to 30), say convention co-chairmen Alan Feld, and Larry Zimmerman, was about 550.

Delegates to the Network international convention graphically illustrate the history of terrorism during a protest outside the administration building of Lester B. Pearson International Airport. [Mark Dodick photo]

Of that number, some 175 came from across the United States. A small number of students also journeyed from Israel, France, Great Britain, and South Africa, ensuring representation from the World Union of Jewish Students.

Danny Challis, executive officer of the Australasian Union of Jewish Students representing about 2,500 Jewish students in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, made his origins clear by wearing a sweatshirt with "Down Under" spelled upside down.

Following a registration process delayed by computer difficulties, the convention opened with a cocktail reception with guests McDougall, Saguy and MP Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group.

However, it was Israel Singer who set the conference in motion with a rousing charge to the convention urging his audience to seek not Jewish survival, but Jewish excellence.

Do not become mere tacticians or manipulators of the political process, Singer said. "There is only one future for you. To dream that Soviet Jews will get to Israel, that oppressed Jews will get out.

"If you don't dream you will not survive, because the Jewish way is to have your ladder reach the sky."

The other major speaker at the opening meal, Eliashiv Ben-Horin, said: "You are not only a great resource. You are practically our only resource.

"This imparts a great challenge, for the real question is not who you are, but what you do.

"If Israel is central to you," said Ben-Horin, "then you should know that you are central to us. Either we are historical partners or we are not. Not on sunny days. Not of convenience. But of a sense of history, of conviction."

After dinner, Jonathan Kessler, leadership development coordinator of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, spoke on What It Means To Be A Jewish Student Activist.

For the remainder of the convention, participants hurried between sessions, meals, regional meetings, and plenums.

By passing a special resolution, Network members extended the term of presidency of Moshe Ronen to permit him time to organize a major conference in Israel.

Alan Feld ran unopposed for vice-president, and will succeed Ronen as president following the Israeli conference or within a year.

Mimi Estrin returned unopposed to her position as national chairman of Network-Canada, and Ayall Schanzer was elected national chairman of the U.S. Network.

Among the 19 resolutions passed at the business plenum were these calling for: support for Soviet, Syrian, Ethiopian, Yemenite and all other oppressed Jewry; opposition to South African apartheid and all forms of racism; the creation of a traveling information caravan to coincide with Expo 86 in Vancouver to educate the public about the situation of Soviet Jewry; and the demand that the Canadian and U.S. governments censure the PLO as expressed during the demonstration.

But despite the serious approach of the convention, participants found time for parties, socializing and entertainment by recording artist Moshe Yess.

Greek Jewish leader says community strong

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —
The Greek embassy has distributed a press report that Joseph Lovinger, the president of the Central Board of Jewish Communities of Greece, has informed key Jewish communal representatives and Senate and House members that the Greek Jewish community is "living in peace and as full members of society."

The Jewish community, Lovinger said, has active social, charitable and civil groups and maintains a number of synagogues. He emphasized the support of Greeks for the community and the sheltering of Jews, including himself, during the Nazi occupation of Greece in World War II.

About half of the 6,000 Jews in Greece live in Athens and most of the remainder in Salonika and Larissa. Before the Nazis entered Greece, the country's Jewish population numbered some 67,000.

Lovinger, who has been the Jewish communal leader since 1967, came to Washington at a time when the Greek government is practicing an anti-Israel policy. Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat is a favorite of the government and the Greek media regularly assumes a pro-Arab slant.

Lovinger was reported to have briefed Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), the lone member of the Senate of Greek descent and who is a strong supporter of Israel; Congressmen Ted Weiss (D-NY), Ben Gilman (R-NY), Martin Frost (D-Tex.) and Tom Lantos (D-Calif.).

In addition, he met with Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee; Warren Eisenberg, B'nai B'rith international affairs director; Jesse Hordes, deputy Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League, and Ralph Nurnberger of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Lovinger's trip here was sponsored by George Livanos, chairman of the American Hellenic Alliance, and Andy Athens, head of the United Hellenic American Congress based in Chicago.

Meanwhile, the Greek government is said to be "carefully examining" a recent request from the Greek Jewish community to seek the extradition from Syria of fugitive Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner. The council wants Brunner to be tried in Greece for his role in the murder of thousands of Greek Jews.

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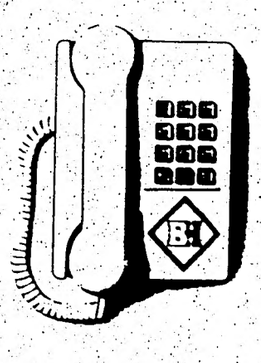

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: In the Jewish view, based on Torah and Talmud, do things ever change? Do they ever change for the better?

There seems to be a conflict between the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah on this subject.

Rabbi Burak

In Jeremiah, Chapter 13:23, the prophet asks: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, Or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, That are accustomed to do evil." So, there is little hope for the man who has learned to travel in the wrong direction. Even as the man who jumps into Niagara near the falls is swept over them to his destruction, so is it with the man ensnared by evil.

But, that is not the overall message of our holy Torah. Isaiah, Chapter 11:6-9, gives us a different picture of the leopard: "And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, And the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . And the lion shall eat straw like the ox . . . They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain; For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea."

Codes suggest gentler nature

If the wild beasts can cease to be ferocious, surely man can do no less. But, when is all this going to happen? In some remote future? Or, has it already begun?

Our Codes seem to suggest that nature has become gentler, and better, already. In the Code, Y. D. Chapter 116:2, the rule is given that "one must be careful not to eat meat and fish together as this can bring on leprosy." In the commentaries, it is made clear that if even chicken fat was mixed with fish, we may not eat thereof because of that danger.

As the result of this element of danger, the Code, O. H. Chapter 173:2, rules that if you ate one of these foods, you must rinse your mouth before partaking of the other. That's why it's such good form to have a little shnaps after the fish; you're just rinsing your mouth.

This classic commentary on the Code, the Magen Avraham, wonders if this ruling is still in force in our times. Here are his words: "And it is possible that in our age there is little danger in this, for I see that many things that the gemarra prohibits as being dangerous because of evil spirits and such other matters, do no damage today. For the natures have changed, and everything follows the nature of the lands" in which we live.

It's strange that the supercommentaries which explain every word of the Magen Avraham do not supply us with a talmudic citation that indicates that our natures have changed. But even more painful is the omission of the source from which he got the idea that the quality of the land on which we live is a contributing factor.

Certain lands more susceptible

However, I found that one of the great scholars of our time has supplied us with this data. The Gaon of Debritzin shalita in volume 6, Be'er Moshe, responsum 159, directs us to a Tosfos, Yoma, 77B. There the Tosfos discusses an illness that comes when someone hands a piece of bread to a child age 5 or 6. If the person handing the bread did not wash his hands during the hour, the child chokes.

This happens even if the adult washed his hands when he arose in the morning. Then Tosfos adds: "And the reason we are not scrupulously careful to observe this today is due to the fact this evil spirit (sickness) does not dwell in these kingdoms." So, certain lands are more susceptible to bad conditions than others, healthwise.

Still, the pious, and the not so pious, have failed to accept the relaxation of the law that would permit us to eat meat after fish without rinsing the mouth. They still prefer to take a small shnaps instead. They are not convinced that the world has grown perfect.

In such a world, the washing of the hands each hour, both physically and spiritually, is a good idea.

Network panel: Who's a terrorist?

Mideast "vocabulary" important

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

There is an obvious difference between those who are terrorists and those who are freedom fighters, a Middle East and Soviet affairs policy consultant said at the recent Network International convention.

John Rothmann, a former advisor to President Nixon, told those attending a session entitled Statement of Extremism: The Terrorism Example, the terrorist and the freedom fighter differ in two ways: aim and method.

Rothmann participated with Kobi Leket, director of information services of the World Zionist Organization from Los Angeles. Their workshop was one of several held as part of Israel Day at the conference.

Rothmann asked what difference there was between Menachem Begin and Yasser Arafat, since both described themselves as freedom fighters.

The difference is found in their actions, he said, noting that Begin's first action after becoming Prime Minister was to give refuge to Vietnamese Boat People, because, Begin said, "we too were boat people."

Commenting on the attack by the Irgun against the King David Hotel, Rothmann said the action was confined to the military wing occupied by the British.

Begin has said he never felt any joy from violence, Rothmann observed, and emphasized the struggle waged against the British was a conflict between armed men — not against civilians as is common practice for the PLO.

Arab extremism can be subdivided into three categories, he continued. These are Palestinian national extremism; Pan Arab extremism; and Pan Islamic, or Islamic fundamentalist extremism.

"The tradition of this is that all three of these forms are in the mainstream of the ideology of the Arab world," said Rothmann.

He then raised the issue of Jewish extremism. He said that such views as espoused by Meir Kahane's Kach Party were minority views and condemned by every politician in Israel.

"We can only fight a war against terrorism that is unconditional," Rothmann concluded.

Kobi Leket adopted a different position. Drawing on personal experience he said he feared that extremism was becoming the centre of Israeli society.

"Extremism encourages extremism," he said, and Kahane and Arafat grow because of each other.

"What the terrorist tries to do is to dehumanize us. We should be aware of that danger and not be like them. We, as Jewish people have a task. As Jews we should act strongly but remain human."

Later during Israel Day, two different workshops offered participants the opportunity to gain some skills in political activism.

David Weinberg, director of research for the Canada-Israel Committee presented a primer on Political Lobbying in Canada for Israel.

Donald Carr, lawyer, journalist and community leader discussed Media Coverage of Israel: Responding to Inaccuracies. Shlomo Raz, police correspondent for Kol Yisrael acted as a resource person for that discussion.

"Lobbying is for us an action designed to reach a particular objective," Weinberg said at his workshop. "And how you lobby and what you lobby for must depend upon whom you are lobbying and what is achievable within the Canadian context."

Canadian Jews are perceived to be committed not only to Israel, but to Canada as well, and that is a bonus, he continued.

"But the key to achieving political goals, he said, is involvement in the political process, and making contacts.

"The campus of today is the future breeding ground of power," said Weinberg. "To the extent we get to know those who have power it's going to pay off in the long run," he added.

To achieve and maintain those contacts requires respectability. There is nothing that will close the Canadian political process more quickly to the activist than to be radical, Weinberg claimed.

Prepare yourself well, he said. Have facts, because stridency will be at the expense of your credibility.

John Rothmann (left and Kobi Leket

Canada is second only to the U.S. in its support of Israel, and "while we do not get everything we want, nobody does," Weinberg concluded.

Media coverage of Israel's war with the PLO in Lebanon was generally characterized by incomplete and dubious information, doubtful sources, often vicious cartoons, and imbalance if not outright bias, Donald Carr demonstrated at a workshop on responding to media inaccuracies.

While the media concentrated on the Israeli connection to Sabra and Shatila, there was far less emphasis on the role of the perpetrators, he said.

And while since that time there has been almost continuous coverage of all incidents in Judea and Samaria, he noted, the media only barely covered Hafez Assad's destruction of the Syrian city of Hamah.

Commenting on the media's use of language in its coverage of the Middle East, Carr showed that the press consistently opts for the vocabulary used by the Arabs in describing the conflict.

If the Israelis use the terms administrated territories, terrorists and camps which are military bases; and the Arabs say occupied territories, fighters and refugee camps — the media invariably adopt the Arab terms.

Carr stressed two responses to inaccuracies and bias: Letters to the editor and complaints to the Ontario Press Council which can compel member daily newspapers to print corrections.

"Today's lies become tomorrow's truths and we will have only ourselves to blame," if nothing is done, concluded Carr.

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SAM-2s just inside border greater threat, Israelis say

Syrian missiles said removed from Lebanon

(Compiled from JTA dispatches)

Senior military officials tend to believe foreign media reports that Syria has removed its mobile SAM-6 and SAM-8 anti-aircraft missiles recently introduced into Lebanon. But the Israelis stress that the SAM-2 surface-to-air missiles Syria has deployed close to its border with Lebanon are the greater menace.

Media reports in the United States quoted Reagan administration officials as saying the Syrians pulled their mobile missile-launchers out of Lebanon, at first temporarily. The SAM 6s and 8s, easily transported by truck, were reported to have been moved to sites along the Beirut-Damascus highway and in the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon last month. They were removed after a day or two, then apparently reintroduced and moved out again.

Israeli sources said a careful check would be made to ascertain that the short range, mobile missiles are in fact no longer in Lebanon. They were placed there as protection for the hard site SAM-2s — longer range, non-mobile missiles, which represent a threat to Israeli reconnaissance flights over Lebanon. The flights are considered essential to monitor terrorist activities on a daily basis inside Lebanon which may be perparatory to attacks on Israel.

Meanwhile, Israel shelled targets in southern Lebanon in swift retaliation after katyusha rockets hit Kiryat Shemona and smashed windows and damaged several cars.

Residents took to bomb shelters for the first time in several months after the volley.

It was the first time rockets hit the centre of the northern Galilee town since Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

Prior to Israel's bombardment, Premier Shimon Peres told reporters that the people of Kiryat Shemona and other settlements and towns in Upper Galilee could rest assured they would not be abandoned by the government and the "appropriate measures" would be taken to protect them from terrorist attacks.

Earlier, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin telephoned Kiryat Shemona's mayor, Prosper Azran, with similar assurances. Maj.-Gen. Ori Orr, commander of the northern sector, visited the town. He said the Israel Defence Forces would act swiftly against the sources of the rocket fire as soon as they are found.

One of his aides remarked, "Once we knew who was responsible for the katyusha attacks, but now Lebanon is a wild jungle." Nevertheless, the outburst is believed related to the 25th aniversary of the founding of the Palestine Liberation Organization on Jan. 1, 1964.

Peres said there was no specific plan for combating terrorism and the IDF's reaction would be determined by who is responsible in each individual case. A specific response is required in each instance, he said.

In a related development, the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) poured tank and artillery fire into three Shiite villages north of the security zone in retaliation for several attacks on SLA patrols and positions in the zone.

Reports from Lebanon said three houses were destroyed in Tibnine village, two in Hadata and a schoolhouse was hit in Eita E-Zout. There were no reports of casualties.

"Soviet disinformation" on Israel ties, aliya hit

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel's ambassador to the U.S. Meir Rosenne has branded as "Soviet disinformation" reports that the USSR would renew diplomatic relations with Israel and reverse its policy toward Jewish emigration.

Addressing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Rosenne called the reports "part of a kremlin propaganda effort, launched prior to the Geneva summit conference, to win sympathy for the Soviet cause." He said there had been "absolutely no change" in the attitude and policy of the USSR toward Israel and toward the demand of Soviet Jews to be repatriated to Israel.

The envoy added:

"Look at the propaganda value the kremlin got out of the release of a dozen or so husbands and wives who had been separated from their spouses. "The greater their propaganda success, the less likely it is that they will actually change their policy.

"Meanwhile, the situation for longtime Soviet Jewish Refuseniks becomes increasingly grim as the gates remain shut and the pressure increases on Jews who seek actively to express their culture and religion."

Rosenne said the Soviet disinformation campaign "has already had considerable success. Even worse, the leaders of the USSR may be convinced that they can get American credits and American technology without improving their treatment of Soviet Jews."

He noted that 400 U.S. businessmen had recently visited Moscow for trade talks and that American banks had offered loans totaling $400 million to the Soviets for the purchase of U.S. goods.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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PESACHIS — PESCHOVITZ

A person was often named after the date of his birth. Pesach (the festival of Passover) was a given name and from it were derived Pesachis and Peschovitz (often abbreviated to Pascoe).

Nissan is the Hebrew month in which Passover falls and similarly became the given name for those born in that month. From it emerges the patronymic surname Nissnevitch.

The same device appears in English names. A boy born on Christmas day was named Noel. A girl was called Natalie.

Shabbatai was born on the Sabbath. His descendants were Shabbasowitz (more familiar to hot dog eaters as Shopsowitz or Shopsy).

Yontiff (in Hebrew "Yom Tov") described a man born on a Jewish "Holiday" and the Italian "Bondi" (literally "good day").

$210 million Ottawa program

Student job creation set

OTTAWA —

Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald, Minister responsible for Statistics Canada, Stewart McInnes, and Andree Champagne, minister of state for youth, have announced that up to $210 million will be made available for various measures to create jobs for students and youth during the summer of 1986.

They called on businesses, non-profit organizations and provincial and municipal governments to help create career and learning-related student summer jobs through Challenge 86, the year's main summer employment program.

"Challenge 85, last summer's program, was a success," said Miss MacDonald. "In 1986 we will build on the lessons learned through experience. We will maintain and improve the six component programs that provided more than 101,000 summer jobs in 1985."

MacDonald said $180 million will be allocated to the program this year through the Canadian Jobs Strategy. This will directly support the creation of more than 93,000 jobs, she said.

McInnes added that $30 million in additional Canadian Jobs Strategy funds is designated for carrying out the 1986 census. About 25,000 jobs are to be created, and priority in filling these positions will be given to young people.

"Thousands of other jobs will also be found, especially by government agencies and larger businesses, using their own financial resources and the network of some 450 Canada employment centres for students," MacDonald said. (In 1985, employers hired almost 438,000 students through the student employment centres, an increase of about 28,000 from 1984.)

"The employment picture for students continues to improve in line with the general economic recovery," MacDonald said. "Clearly, the best summer jobs are the ones that relate directly to a student's career goals — and these are the kinds of jobs Challenge 86 will encourage."

Wage subsidies planned

Challenge 86 will continue to provide millions of dollars of support to communities and non-profit organizations, and wage subsidies to business hiring young people through the Summer Employment/Experience Development component. The federal government will contribute about $127 million in SEED wage subsidies.

The top priority for SEED will be the provision of work experience related to students' fields of study and career goals. Second priority will be given to jobs providing valuable practical work experience.

"We will be encouraging additional applications for SEED jobs from business. In this way, young people will get jobs related to the actual needs of the labour market," said Macdonald.

"Many important jobs are also created by voluntary and non-profit organizations, and municipal governments," said MacDonald. "We are taking measures to streamline the process for approving these proposals as well as those from the private sector — ensuring that everyone has equal access to available funds and that local and regional priorities are taken into accounts."

The Business Drive For Jobs, a cooperative effort involving government and business association leaders, will receive $1.3 million. Last year, the Business Drive For Jobs was very successful, encouraging enterprises to create jobs using their own financial resources, MacDonald reported.

MacDonald said support for students wishing to establish their own summer businesses will be improved this year to ensure young entrepreneurs have access to good financial advice as well as guaranteed loans. Under the Student Business Loans program, $2 million has been allocated to cover the costs of these loans.

Four million dollars is being made available for Work Orientation Workshop (WOW) providing disadvantaged in-school youth and potential school-leavers with guidance and job experience. Pilot projects last summer confirmed that young people benefit by the combination of practical instruction and work experience that shows them what kinds of jobs they would be able to find if they quit school early.

MacDonald said support for the National Defence Cadet and Reserve Training Program and the RCMP Supernumerary Special Constable Program will continue, at a total of $14.2 million.

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Jimmy Kay, national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, (left), was recently awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa at a ceremony at the institute. Kay is seen with society board chairman Murray Koffler who received the same honor in 1976.

Weizmann honors Kay for "unstinting support"

REHOVOT —

Jimmy Kay, national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa, at a recent ceremony at the institute.

Receiving the award along with the Torontonian were Israeli President Chaim Herzog, former American ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis and Prof. Niels Jerne.

Institute president Michael Sela said the honorary degree was awarded to Kay "in recognition of his steadfast, always effective concern for and unstinting support of the application of the fruits of scientific research for the benefit of humanity.

Sela cited Kay's "innovative and prominent role in the establishment of the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research now rising on this campus — through which he has helped bring the institute to the forefront of research in this internationally crucial area; and . . . the extraordinary degree to which he has made himself available to the institute as a dynamic member of its governing board and a leading personality on the Canadian scene."

Kay, president of the society since 1976, is chairman of the board of Dylex. He has played an important role in many community organizations including the United Jewish Appeal, of which he was general chairman; the Jewish National Fund of Canada, of which he is past president and continues as a director; Mount Sinai Hospital; Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; Ontario Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society; the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Congressmen urge Nobel for Wiesel

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

More than 100 congressmen have signed a letter sent to the Nobel Prize Committee in Oslo recommending that this year's Nobel Peace Prize go to author-educator Elie Wiesel, founding chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and a professor of humanities at Boston University.

Wiesel, a survivor of Nazi death camps, has devoted more than 30 years working for world peace while reminding people in many countries that the horrors of the Holocaust must be remembered in order not to let them recur anywhere, the bipartisan group, led by Democratic and Republican leaders of the House of Representatives, said in the letter.

"Elie Wiesel is a hero by any standards and it is time to recognize this messenger of memories and peace," the letter stated. "Wiesel has chosen to live with his memories and nightmares of Hitler's reign of terror in order to teach others not to forget and let such a nightmare again become reality."

The letter was initiated by Democratic House Speaker Thomas (Tip) O'Neill, Republican House leader Robert Michel, New York Republican Jack Kemp and Connecticut Democrat Sam Gejdenson, a son of refugees from Nazism.

Uncertain future for Singapore Jews

Community faces decline

By MARK H. DOCTOROFF

SINGAPORE —

Lured from the bazaar of Baghdad, as early as 1830, they came to the profitable haven of the tip of southeast Asia, to seek their wealth in spice, textiles and opium. But since World War II, this Jewish community, like those in other Asian communities have been faced with diminishing Jewish population and threats of total assimilation.

Outwardly, this Jewish community retains the surroundings of things common to most Jews: two large ornate synagogues, a Jewish welfare board that distributes money to 35 community benevolence cases, daily minyan, a social club and a fulltime rabbi.

But this is a community in sharp decline, facing an uncertain future. From a population of 1,500 just before World War II, including refugees from Europe and Russia, the population slipped to 900 in 1947, in half of 1968 and sustains a population of 250 today. As Singapore's Jews depart — mostly for Los Angeles and Sydney — they leave behind a unique history and tradition.

However, for the first time ever, expatriate Israelis on assignment here now outnumber native Singaporean Jewry.

The Jews in the community hold leadership positions in top professional and commercial organizations, never facing the threat of anti-semitism. Like David Marshall, Singapore's chief minister (prior to Singapore's break from Great Britain), Singaporean Jews are yearning for a resurgance of a strong Jewish community.

"But all the money, all the influence, all the power — and we have nothig," says Paula Mannasseh, a Singaporean freelance writer.

Families split up, as parents send their children abroad for education and marriage. The opportunity for Jews to marry within the religion is diminishing and the threat of assimilation — in a country that is 75% Chinese and 16% Malay — spurs many familes to seek out other Jewish families.

"Look at these kids," said Singapore-bred, 29-year-old Flexis Sion, pointing to a cluster of 8-10 young adults. "They have not prospects for marriage here; most of them are cousins."

But since the arrival of Rev. Issac Benzakin a decade ago, there has been a strong revival of Judaism. The daily minyan has been reinstituted, the religious school and bar and bat mitzvah instruction have been reconstituted and strengthened. About 35 students now attend religious school with an average of three or more bar and bat mitzvahs per year. The community imports kosher meat directly from the United States and Australia.

Even more recently, the Israelis in Singapore — now numbering 55 families — have begun to take a more active part in the community . . . in a sense filling in for the departed locals. Although the 100 or so Israeli children do not attend Benzakin's Hebrew school, preferring their own instruction or none at all, they and their parents take part in most other activities and functions, such as the annual Chanukah and Purim parade.

The current Israeli ambassador to Singapore, Moshe Bern Yacov, receives accolades from all quarters for helping to draw the Israeli to the community. In the evening following the second day of Rosh Hashanah for example, he hosted a reception for the entire Israeli and Singapore Jewish communities attended by 150 guests.

The warmth and feeling in this Jewish community strikes even short-time visitors. Whether the community will blossom or cease to exist is unknown.

Sometimes soon, residents predict, perhaps within the next decade, this unique homegrown Jewish community will be fully dispersed: to Australia, to the United States, to Israel. But Jewish life here will not cease, it will be transformed as in Tokyo and Bangkok, to become heir to tradition.

But for now, the Jewish population in Singapore finds closeness in its community. As one wistful member of society said, "the smaller we are, the more close knit we become."

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Gershom Mendes Seixas was born in New York City on Jan. 14, 1745. The son of a Portuguese Marrano family, he was the first native born Jewish spiritual leader, mohel and shochet in North America.

Out of about 7 million people living in what would soon become the U.S. 13 states, less than 2,500 were Jews. While most of the latter were centered in New York and Philadelphia, some were scattered in smaller communities. Education and communal life was difficult to institutionalize. The lack of a public school system in the 18th century forced parents to send their children to private schools, which were Christian.

Trained Jewish teachers were scarce; the New World's distance and frontier lack of facilties attracted few professionals from Europe. Those available were engulfed in a myriad of duties, from kosher slaughtering to organizing a minyan, often traveling from town to town. There was little time or opportunity for teaching. Intermarriage became routine.

Gershom's father Isaac fled Portugal for New York in 1730, where he married Rachel Levy, the daughter of a wealthy immigrant from Germany who headed the city's main congregation, Shearith Israel.

Young Gershom learned his Torah and halacha from the congregation's chazan, Joseph Pinto, who had been imported for the post from London. Pinto, who was also the congregation's teacher, preacher, shochet and mohel, drafted the first local calendar of candlelighting and motsei Shabbat times. In 1766, eight years after he first came to New York, Pinto returned to Europe to take up the post of chazan for Hamburg's Sephardi congregation. The local position was vacant once again.

Seixas, who had learned diligently from Pinto, applied, along with a number of European chazanim. While not an ordained rabbi, his commitment and learning were well known in the community. His proficiency as chazan, mohel and shochet was found to be good, and he was accepted.

With the outbreak of the American Revolution and the occupation of New York by British forces, Seixas left for Stratford, Conn., and then Philadelphia. Seixas accepted an invitation to return to New York after the war, with its chazan at the time placed in Seixas' Philadelphia position. Seixas devoted himself to community affairs.

The burial in 1802 of a Jewish stranger in Potter's Field, a cemetery for indigents, sparked Seixas to form the Chevra Chesed V'Emet, one of North America's first free burial societies. He founded the Kalfe Tzedaka Matan B'Seter (fund for charity and anonymous gifts) for the local poor and for Eretz Israel, a forerunner of the United Jewish Appeal.

Seixas was the only mohel in New York and the northeastern states, traveling frequently and extensively to perform a circumcision. His dedication was unflinching. In 1811, at the age of 66, he undertook a strenuous 34-day circuit to perform a brith milah in Montreal, two more in Trois Rivieres and a fourth in Berthieville, Que. Uncertain transportation, rough terrain, wild animals and hostile Indians added to the hazards of the trip.

Seixas, who continued to learn Torah and Talmud all his busy life, was North America's prime religious authority. He founded New York's first beth din, 3-man religious court, that included a scholar-immigrant from Lithuania and the scion of another Marrano family.

Seixas provided halachic answers for many local concerns. These ranged from the question of must a Cohen always be called up first to the Torah to the removal of bodies from a cemetery threatened with flooding.

His Thanksgiving Day address of 1804 was typical of the sermons he had given for a decade: The unprecedented civil liberties enjoyed by Jews in their new country should not obscure the fact that they were still in the galut. "God will gather us again from all corners of the earth . . . and reinstate us in our former possessions," he said. Jewish observance and commitment, which had declined significantly since the American Revolution, needed to be maintained to the very end, he emphasized.

Seixas was a leader in the general community as well. From 1787 until his death in 1816, he was a trustee of Columbia University. He was one of the ministers witnessing George Washington's inauguration as first U.S. President.

One of Seixas' 14 children, David, became a prominent educator of the deaf and introduced the daguerrotype into North America; another, Benjamin, was a founder of the New York stock exchange.

Montreal's Gold appointed Companion

6 Jews named to Order of Canada

OTTAWA —

Dr. Phil Gold, physician-in-chief at Montreal General Hospital, was among the six Jews honored with the recent appointments to the Order of Canada.

The Governor General, Jeanne Sauve, will present the insignia of the Order to the 71 recipients at a ceremony to be held April 9. There are four Companions, 23 Officers and 44 Members in the new list.

Queen Elizabeth is the Sovereign of the Order, established in 1967 "to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavor."

Jews appointed to the Order are Phil Gold, Westmount, as Companion; Victor Feldbrill, Toronto, Dr. Samuel O. Freedman, Montreal, and Joseph Harvey Shoctor, Edmonton, as Officers; Mitchell Franklin, St. Martin's, NB, and Anne G. Ross, Winnipeg, as Members.

Gold's discovery of the carcinoembryonic antigen resulted in the development of the first practical serological test for bowel cancer, now in routine use in hospitals around the world.

He was first appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1978. Since that time he has headed a research team which has succeeded in producing antibodies which can detect and identify which specific type of cancer is present in a human system.

Feldbrill is a well known conductor and music teacher. He currently teaches eight months a year at Tokyo's University of the Arts and is resident conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and director of its youth program.

Freedman is one of Canada's leading clinical immunologists and is internationally recognized as co-discoverer of the carcinoembryonic antigen. He's now vice-principal at McGill University and senior physician in the division of clinical immunology and allergy at Montreal General Hospital.

Shoctor is a leader in the Edmonton community and is best known as founder, building campaign chairman and executive producer of the Citadel Theatre. Since his appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1978, he has expanded his activities in business, the community and the theatre, serving as national vice-president of the United Israel Appeal, member of the board of governors of the National Theatre School and honorary governor of the Dominion Drama Festival.

Franklin is a prominent business and community leader whose influence extends throughout the Maritimes. He is actively involved in the United Jewish Appeal.

Under Ross' leadership, Winnipeg's Mount Carmel Clinic became a model for North America's community health care centres, particularly for its innovative, interdisciplinary approach to the changing needs of the community.

Last attempt to save Ata results in failure

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The Ata Textile Combine has finally come to the end of the road, after repeated attempts to find a buyer for the ailing group of factories.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai announced recently that negotiations had been broken off with U.S. industrialist and entrepreneur Jack Nasser, and arrangements were being made to pay final compensation to Ata's 1,220 employees, virtually all of them in the Haifa area.

The government has allocated $5.7 million for final payment of workers' compensation.

The textile combine was declared bankrupt a year ago, since when repeated efforts have been made, in a series of negotiations, to find a group of investors ready to take it over.

All attempts have failed and there now appears to be no chance of restarting or reviving talks as no further offers have been received by the government or its liquidators.

Ata's demise and the dismissal of its over 1,000 employees has increased concern at the above-average unemployment rate in the Haifa Bay industrial area.

Mordechai Zippori, government-appointed board chairman of the Haifa Shipyard, another large Haifa area employer, tendered his resignation.

Zippori, who had served only a few months and was the fourth board chairman in a year, complained that he and the board of the government-owned shipyards were not receiving the government support they had demanded and required.

With no orders for new construction, and with very little repair work available, the yards had no chance of continuing without adequate government support to tide over the difficult period, he said.

CJC plenary set for May in Toronto

TORONTO —

The 21st triennial Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress will be held May 7-11 at Toronto's L'Hotel and Convention Centre with an agenda reflecting Canadian and international Jewish concerns. Delegates will determine the direction of the CJC for the next three years.

Regional chairmen will be contacting local organizations in the coming weeks to request lists of delegates and proposed resolutions.

Claire Horowitz has been appointed CJC staff coordinator for the assembly, Julie Koschitzky, arrangements chairman has announced.

For further information on the assembly, contact Claire Horowitz, Plenary Office, Canadian Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Toronto M2R 3V2; (416) 635-2883.

Congress plans commemorative book for meet

TORONTO —

A commemorative book, Pathways to the Present: Canadian Jewish Congress and Canadian Jewry 1919-1986, will be published for the 21st Triennial Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly to be held in Toronto May 7-11.

The book will contain essays on Canadian Jewish life in large urban centres and small or remote Jewish communities, says Faygie Schwartz, who is chairing the project.

"Both of historical and contemporary relevance, the commemorative book will be of interest to members of the Jewish community and other Canadian ethnic groups who may use the information to develop their own coping strategies in the areas of discrimination, cultural continuity, the linking of generations, problems in education and economic mobility," Schwartz said.

Contributing editors from across Toronto have been selected for their knowledge of and experience with CJC and the Canadian Jewish community in general, she added. The text will be enhanced with photos obtained from Jewish communities and archives nationwide.

Individuals and firms will be able to have messages included alongside essays and historical data through sponsorship of pages and advertising, Schwartz said.

For further information, contact Faygie Schwartz, Plenary Office, Canadian Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Toronto M2R 3V2; (416) 635-2883.

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Editorial

Impassable gap

"I am a fighter for Palestine."

This is the explanation offered by one of the terrorists who was captured by Rome police during the slaughter of innocents at the city's airport.

"Heroic deeds," . . . such is the characterization made by JANA, the Libyan news agency about the murder of the airline passengers.

What kind of mind responds in this way?

The answer to this question can be found partly in David G. Hubbard's slim volume Winning Back The Sky: A Tactical Analysis of Terrorism (Norton).

Dr. Hubbard, a specialist in terrorism, suggests that terrorists are animated by a perceptual environment totally different from that generally embraced in the West.

The Arab terrorist in his fundamentalist commitment (whether political or religious) filters everything through a prism which magnifies personal self-sacrifice and translates it into "heroism."

The celebration of the terrorist deed, whether that of the Palestinians who massacred airport passengers or the Egyptian policeman who murdered Israeli tourists in Nuweibah (Egyptian mobs are demanding that the "hero" be released), shows clearly that we err seriously in thinking that Arab terrorists are simply misguided fellows who have been frustrated in every other attempt to solve their problems.

Israel has understood from the very beginning that the terrorist mind is not amenable to rational discourse or to the conventional norms of morality endorsed by Western society.

As long as the murder of defenceless men, women and children can be celebrated as the "heroic act of a fighter for Palestine," the gap which separates the Palestinian Arab mentality from the rest of the civilized world remains impassable.

The prospect of these "heroic fighters" participating in any future peace talks with Israel is chimerical.

Truth in exhibit

The United Nations, called by some the vile engine of world anti-semitism today, has made some small amends in recent days as it features an Auschwitz exhibition.

The photographs displayed are under the patronage of the Polish government. The fact that Jewish groups have generally applauded the exhibit is significant.

In the past Poland has been seriously criticized for its several memorials to the Holocaust because of the lack of Jewish content in them.

The images in the UN exhibition are graphic and melancholic depictions of the suffering which Jews and Gentiles underwent at the infamous Nazi concentration camp which was liberated in January 1945.

Jewish spokesmen for the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, the Jewish Community Relations Council and the World Jewish Congress are generally pleased with the Polish exhibition.

"Most of us were shocked that there were that many references to the uniqueness of the Jewish tragedy," said one.

Elie Wiesel, one of those who has criticized the Polish regime's failure to memorialize the Holocaust in terms of its Jewish dimension, was consulted by the Polish government about the exhibit.

In an interview with the New York Times (Dec. 29) Wiesel said that "the Poles made a special effort in this show because of the large Jewish population in New York."

A number of other Jewish spokesmen, who traveled to Poland to view the original exhibit, commented on the willingness of various Polish officials to incorporate suggestions reflecting the magnitude of Jewish suffering during the Holocaust.

It is significant that General Wojcieh Jaruzelski was especially cooperative in this matter.

We join the various Jewish organizations in congratulating the Polish government for its dedication to presenting the truth about the Holocaust. Given the record of previous governments of Poland on this question, the action of the current one is no small accomplishment.

Blitzer analyzes Israeli-American relations

Close look at the friendship

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In this era of strategic partnership between Israel and the U.S., it is sometimes forgotten that an arms embargo imposed by Washington against Jerusalem remained in effect until the early 1960s.

And whereas moral and emotional reasons were once cited in Washington for support of Israel's existence and security, pro-Israel sentiment on Capitol Hill today is animated by self-interest as well.

Nearly 38 years after America extended de jure recognition to Israel, Israel's relationship with the U.S. is stronger than ever, this in spite of a series of well-publicized strains since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

In the past 12 years, Israeli and American leaders have clashed primarily over Israeli military actions and U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia. Despite these confrontations, writes Wolf Blitzer in *Between Washington & Jerusalem (Oxford University Press, New York, $15.95)*, Israel's relations with its superpower patron are nothing if not vibrant.

In this informative book, Blitzer, The Jerusalem Post's correspondent in Washington, (and whose column is carried in The CJN) sets out Israel's friendship with the U.S. in just about all its dimensions, and zooms in on several American political personalities who have had an enormous impact on it.

What emerges from his prodigious research is a picture of two nations which share geopolitical interests and similar cultural values. Who, in 1948, could have imagined that this would be the case? Certainly, few Israelis would then have believed that Israel would find it necessary, 33 years later, to build a third, $5 million chancery building to reflect the expanding nature of the relationship.

Correctly so, Blitzer argues that Washington's close ties with Israel have not jeopardized its relations with conservative, pro-Western Arab regimes. When President Lyndon Johnson made it known he would sell tanks to Israel, critics wrung their hands. When President Richard Nixon announced his decision to provide Israel with F-4 Phantom aircraft, there was an outcry. And when President Ronald Reagan signed a memorandum of strategic understanding with Israel, the reaction in the Arab world was quite audible.

Moderate Arab regimes, Blitzer contends, need the U.S. "because they have nowhere else to go." One may quibble with that statement, but it is essentially correct. Countries like Saudi Arabia and Jordan will not significantly distance themselves from the U.S., if only because they know that Israel's strategic partnership with the U.S. is growing rather than diminishing. Indeed, he agrees with assessments that Israel is becoming "integrated" into America's "global defence system."

This, for Israel, represents "a fundamental breakthrough."

Like many commentators, Blitzer believes that Israel's popularity in the U.S. is best expressed by the bipartisan support it enjoys in Congress. At one time, Israel was particularly popular in liberal circles. But now conservative senators and congressmen are also behind Israel. Blitzer, however, warns that the so-called New Right (Americans who hew to Christian fundamentalist orthodoxy) "let Israel down badly" in 1981 when most of its representatives in the congressional branch of government voted in favor of selling advanced radar surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia.

Henry Kissinger

Before the Yom Kippur War, he adds, Israel ranked 24th among recipients of postwar U.S. foreign aid. By 1979, Israel had climbed into second place, after South Vietnam. Today, Israel is Washington's largest individual foreign aid recipient.

And if some senators had their way, he explains, they would remove the military portion of assistance to Israel from the worldwide foreign aid legislation and put it in the defence department's budget.

As glowing as Israel's image usually is in Congress, Blitzer says that a new generation of lawmakers who have not personally lived through the Holocaust years and the birth of Israel regard the Jewish state as "simply another country in the world." The challenge for the American Jewish leadership, he observes, is "to educate" these people about Israel.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) has done much in this respect, says Blitzer. He describes AIPAC as "the only Jewish organization officially registered with the U.S. Congress to lobby on behalf of legislation affecting Israel."

Despite several major congressional defeats in recent years, AIPAC's influence is such that the Israeli embassy has come to rely on it for advice in understanding the American legislative process, he suggests.

But Blitzer does not believe that American Jews, through AIPAC or any other organization, have a more decisive role in the formulation of U.S. Middle Eastern policy than the Israeli embassy.

Rightly or wrongly, Blitzer places enormous stock in the Israeli ambassador's role. He states that "a solid, responsible and articulate envoy can make a difference" in how Israel is perceived by American decision-makers.

The successful Israeli ambassador displays six qualities: He has clout with important Israeli leaders; he is a skilled diplomat; he is a good gatherer of information; he is a "crackerjack" speaker; he is likeable and adept at forging relationships with influential Americans; he is a fine administrator.

Blitzer has some interesting comments on Israel and the American media. Bluntly, he asserts that its "honeymoon" with the mass media is over, eclipsed by Israel's settlement policy and its military operations against Iraq and the PLO.

Of all the U.S. dailies, The Wall Street Journal is most supportive editorially of Israeli policies, Blitzer says. Its editorial line is based on the perception that Israel is one of America's few pro-Western, democratic, and strategically reliable friends.

Blitzer claims that the Washington Post has "consistently challenged" Israel's policies, while The New York Times' line has fallen somewhere in the middle.

And he posits the theory that when Israel's relations with the U.S. are smooth, the press "can be expected to be friendly toward Jerusalem." In fact, this isn't really true. Editorial boards critical of certain Israeli policies do not necessarily muzzle themselves when Israel and the U.S. agree on the issues of the day.

To Blitzer, Henry Kissinger, more than any other American, has shaped U.S. policy toward Israel. Kissinger, the former secretary of state, promoted the concept of step-by-step diplomacy; he reduced Soviet influence in the peace process; he established the pattern of giving Israel extensive military and economic aid in exchange for Israeli concessions in negotiating with the Arabs; he created the formula that Washington will not deal with the PLO unless it recognizes Israel and renounces terrorism.

In a separate chapter on Jimmy Carter, Blitzer says he was saved from "a major diplomatic setback" when the Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat, went on his historic mission to Jerusalem. Blitzer bases his statement on the assumption that the peace process would have ground to a screech if Sadat had not preempted Carter's efforts to bring the Soviet Union into Mideast negotiations.

Blitzer is of two minds in assessing Ronald Reagan's position toward Israel. On the one hand, Reagan was the first President to authorize an enhanced strategic cooperation agreement with Israel. On the other hand, he was never loath to impose military sanctions against Israel. "...he has clearly demonstrated a readiness to lean heavily on Israel if necessary."

Reagan's notorious grasp of fundamentals is documented here. According to Blitzer, Menachem Begin lost much of his confidence in Reagan when, during the course of his last meeting with him in 1982, he noticed that Reagan had no sophisticated understanding of the complexities in the Middle East.

Ronald Reagan

Blitzer, in chronicling these and other episodes, successfully amplifies Israel's crucial relationship with the U.S. He succeeds because he is a diligent and informed reporter, but this reviewer wishes he hadn't relied on so many cliches ("firestorm of protest," and "AIPAC had come to play hardball," to name only two). Beyond these irritants, Between Washington & Jerusalem is a book well worth anyone's time.

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Opinion

Spiritual giants reacted to the challenge of their time

Jewish world needs more like Hirsch and Kook

By
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When the walls of the ghetto crumbled in Central and Western Europe, and Jews had to cope with the challenge of a new culture into which they wanted to be integrated, there were many different responses. One of the most enduring was that of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, the rabbi of Frankfurt-am-Main and founder of a movement which made possible both a profound commitment to the beliefs and practices of Judaism and an involvement with the general, non-Jewish society.

His approach was given the name Torah im Derech Eretz, which means "Judaism combined with the way of the world." This approach called for interaction between Jews and their neighbors while Jewish tradition was to be conserved and enriched.

Hirsch showed observant Jews how to cope with 19th century Western culture, just as Rabbis Abraham Isaac Kook and Joseph Soloveitchik taught us how to live with it in the 20th. Judaism is a religion of life, and to be alive means that one continues to deal with one's environment, even in the face of change.

Yet what always impressed me is the way in which our spiritual giants reacted to the challenge of their time: They added something to Jewish tradition. Much of what they said and wrote is timeless. Despite the fact that originally it was a reaction to a contemporary challenge or transitory cultural phenomenon that did not last, it has meaning for generations that came later.

Thus their contemporary situation stimulated them to discover new insights into the eternal Torah. The philosophical doctrines of Hirsch's period may no longer be in vogue, but they helped him to reveal aspects of the Torah which might not have been detected. These new insights are not dated, even though they are linked to the intellectual scene or period in which they were written.

Today Rabbi Soloveitchik writes in a world in which philosophical existentialism enjoys great popularity, but from his encounter with existentialism has evolved the revelation of insights which will outlive the particular philosophy to which it was a response.

Dr. Emanuel Rackman (centre), chancellor of Bar-Ilan University, presents a handwoven prayer shawl to Raphael Hadana, the chief religious leader of Israel's Ethiopian Jewish community, as his son Yosef looks on.

The spiritual giant of the 20th century — the saint and scholar par excellence — was Rabbi Kook, the first Chief Rabbi of that Jewish community that a decade after his death established the State of Israel. The Sephardi Chief Rabbi with whom he served also revered and loved him, as did millions of Jews all over the world.

Like Hirsch, Kook did not try to insulate Jews of Judaism from the cultures in which the Jewish people lived. He encouraged the pursuit of all the natural and social sciences, as well as philosophy and mysticism. He felt that man must master whatever God created, be it in the realm of things or of ideas — for there is holiness everywhere, and one can capture the holy even from within the unholy. He won the love of his people, however, not by the depth of his philosophy or by his overwhelming mastery of the legal literature of Judaism but because he was capable of infinite love.

Hirsch became famous because he taught his contemporaries how to cope with the challenge of the culture in which they lived. Kook became famous because he taught Jews how to cope with the challenge that was coming not from outside but from within Jewish society itself. That challenge was the friction between religiously observant Jews and the non-observant. From one of his earliest essays we can fathom what his intention was.

It was known to everyone at the time that few of the new Jewish settlers of Palestine were committed to the Torah way of life. For most of them, Zionism had taken the place of Judaism. These pioneers evoked bitter resentment from most rabbis of their day, both in Palestine and in Europe. Pious Jews feared that their children might become Zionists. The rabbis did not hesitate to express their fury against the "sinners."

To this Kook addressed himself. "Our generation," he wrote, "is a wonderful generation. . . . In all of Jewish history it is difficult to find its equal. . . . It comprises so many opposites — on the one hand, mischievous and wild; on the other, exalted and refined; on the one hand, arrogant and shameless; on the other, overwhelmed with a passion for justice and mercy. Its preoccupation with both facts and ideals bursts forth and ascends to heaven."

He recognized the lofty motivation and peerless commitment of the irreligious pioneers, and he admired them precisely because they were fulfilling the ultimate aims of the Torah — justice and mercy. But he asked: "Why did they have to reject the Torah, whose essence is the very values-system that they themselves espouse with all their hearts?" The answer is to be found in the way that they were taught Torah. Their teachers failed to convey to them the fundamental wisdom and aspirations to be found in the Torah. They were given the form and not the substance.

He was critical of rabbis who always focused on petty details. Concentrating as they did on the means to achieve holiness, they failed to impart the ends, the ultimate — the awareness of holiness itself, the pursuit of purity, integrity, godliness. He blamed his colleagues for the alienation of Jews who were committed to the goals but rejected the forms because they were improperly communicated. If properly communicated, the forms would only deepen commitment to the goals.

"Do not let go of that generation," he cried. "Do not despair of it. Rather show it the way and expose it to the illumination of the Torah that it may know that it will find in it what it seeks — truth and justice, the mending of the world and the liberation of man, all that is lofty and noble — and definitely within the bounds of the land of Israel."

The survival of Judaism requires both. The emphasis of the Orthodox on forms has not necessarily improved the moral quality of its adherents, and the Jewish character of those who espouse the pristine idealism of the pioneers is eroding.

Israel needs more voices like those of Hirsch and Kook, and by Israel I mean not only the state but the entire family of Israel worldwide.

Soviet propaganda feeds illusions

Visit to the Moscow synagogue can be instructive

By
BEN KAYFETZ

I had been cautioned in Toronto that it didn't matter whether I attended the Moscow synagogue. Some considered it a nest of agents, others warned that I would be segregated from the worshippers. Nevertheless, having attended shul in New Orleans, New York, London, Paris, Antwerp, Rome, Zurich, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem I had no intention of leaving Moscow's house of worship unvisited.

Either the shammes was otherwise distracted that morning or procedures had been changed, as once I slipped unobserved into a back seat I was not approached by him or another official and I escaped being shunted off into a "visitors' box" where I would be isolated from the mass of the devout.

A man sitting in the row ahead, observing my siddur-less state, loaned me his prayer book, replacing it with a small tome he had in a pocket. The siddur was familiar — it was from New York's Delancy St., a product of the Hebrew Publishing Company of that city. Clearly the great Hebrew printers of Vilna and Zhitomir were no more!

The shacharis service proceeds, led by a slow-changing chazan until the time came for Torah reading. In Ashkenazic syngogues everywhere this is regarded by many as a time for diversion from strict devotions. Moscow was no different in this respect than Antwerp where the hum of conversation raises to an absolute (beth) din! A knot of the curious gathered around the visitor.

"Fun vanen is a yid? Fun America?"

"Neyn, fun Canada."

Was it true, a man asked, that Jewish shop windows in New York were recently smashed by anti-semitic hooligans? I was unable to confirm this but I did tell them something about the Zundel and Keegstra trials and convictions, and I assured them that the authorities in Canada were freindlich geshtimmt (well disposed). They nodded, showing some surprise.

A second query: "Is it really true that President Reagan is surrounded by influential Jewish advisors?"

The scene could be Jerusalem, but it's Leningrad. Wrapped in his tallit and tefillin, Refusenik and unofficial Jewish educator Grigory Wasserman prays intently for redemption, in a photo obtained by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

"Who are these?" I asked.

"Rockefeller" was the answer.

I patiently assured my listeners that the Rockefellers are not now nor ever were of our brethren. They seemed surprised by this "news."

Well, what about Weinberger? came the question.

Weinberger, I explained, is a second generation Christian who would be Jewish only by Hitler's racist definition, having one Jewish grandparent.

Ironically, it is Moscow's own anti-American and anti-Jewish propaganda that feeds this illusion. America is pictured as a land under the grip of a cabal of Zionists and financiers. Sometimes the connecting preposition is replaced by a hyphen and the phrase becomes Zionist-fiananciers. This is how Rockefeller can become "Jewish" in their eyes.

"And what about Yurchenko, the spy who defected and then returned? Wasn't it a shame what those Americans did to him — kidnapping him, beating him, drugging him?"

Here I didn't find it necessary to answer. It was provided by my neighbor (him of the New York siddur). He interjected:

"That's not the way it happens at all. I recall some 20 years ago in my home town (here he mentioned a town in Bessarabia) when Reb Shmilik went on a trip to Israel. On his return the local party commissar presented him with an ultimatum: to read a prepared script on the radio and television, a script denouncing and defaming Israel. Reb Shmilik was most reluctant to go through with it but under the circumstances he had no choice. The shock and trauma was so great that immediately after reading it on the air he fell dead of a heart attack.

"Draw your own conclusions," continued my neighbor," as to how voluntary these statements are."

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Someone then whispered that I would be honored with an aliya to the Torah. I gladly went but wondered how they could possibly have found room for me in the limited number of available readings.

I soon saw the answer. In addition to the one of the bima three other makeshift stands had been set up in the sanctuary, each equipped with a Torah reader and a scroll. They were in this way able to quadruple the number of aliyot and accommodate any number of stray or unexpected visitors they wished to honor. I should have mentioned that there were approximately 200 male worshippers present, most of them wearing prayer shawls.

Wishing not to appear an ingrate I asked for a misheberach to make a modest pledge to aid the synagogue — standard procedure in most shuls I have visited. But the gabbai dissuaded me. If I wished, there was a pushka on the wall and I could put something in there. I found the pushka. But it was Shabbes and, though it had been suggested that I do it, I couldn't bring myself to desecrate the Sabbath openly inside a synagogue.

The Torah reading is closed as everywhere by a procession up and down the aisles with the rabbi, cantor and officers in tow. As I reached over and wished the rabbi a gut shabbes I heard someone whispering into my ear, clearly, slowly and distinctly (in Yiddish): "This place is a government institution. The president is an agent."

I quickly turned around to see who was giving me this message.

There was no one there. He had vanished more quickly than I was able to move.

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The rabbi is youthful, his name is Loewy and he is a product of the Budapest yeshiva. He speaks Russian and Ivrit, I was told, no Yiddish. The chazan (or chohzen as my Bessarabian neighbor said in his dialect) is a home-grown product, having learned his vocation in the synagogue choir. Both are young and sport trimmed beards. Also, the cantor's position is a fulltime one.

In addition to the main sanctuary, my neighbor told me, there were three other simultaneous services going on. I opened a nearby door and caught sight of some 30 mispallelim at prayer. One of these minyanim was for the Gruziner — i.e. the Jews from Georgia who have a somewhat differing nusach and minhag.

Most of the men davening were well past middle age. I did notice several younger men, shabbily dressed and hungry-looking, assembled at the back without tallis or prayer book. One of these, who had asked me about a relative in Ottawa, followed me out of the synagogue and accompanied me for a few blocks. He had, he said, applied for emigration three years ago in return for which he had been given the "mental sickness" treatment with electrical beams or rays administered to his head.

Visitors might keep note of this: the synagogue (on Arkhipova St.) shares the same subway stop — Nogina — as Red Square.

Opinion

Israel's air force is the key to its survival.

Israel's security depends on protecting air bases

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the Six Day War, the Israeli air force roared over Egyptian and Jordanian air bases and destroyed 373 Arab aircraft before they were able to get off the ground.

In the Yom Kippur War, the Egyptian air force attacked Israeli airfields in the Sinai and reportedly was able to keep Israel from using these bases for about 48 hours.

Both cases illustrate the importance of air power in modern warfare. In 1967, Israel's near destruction of two Arab air forces enabled its infantry to advance astonishingly fast into Sinai and the West Bank. In 1973, Egypt's partial success in incapacitating several of Israel's airfields enabled its army to cross the Suez Canal, stubbornly hold a beachhead, and inflict heavy casualties on Israel.

Israel and its Arab enemies have drawn the appropriate conclusions from these experiences. Israel realizes that, without air superiority, it cannot win a war in the strict military sense. Conversely, the Arabs know that if they knock out Israel's air force they have more than an even chance of defeating Israel on the battlefield.

Arab strategists are aware that, theoretically, they can humble Israel by merely *damaging* Israel's seven main air bases and making them inoperable. By achieving this goal, the Arabs could neutralize the Israeli air force during the critical opening hours of a war and thereby gain a distinct advantage over Israel.

Today, the Arabs are in a far better position to attack and neutralize Israeli air bases. Arab air forces have grown in qualitative and quantitative terms in the past decade. They have acquired surface-to-surface missiles in large numbers, and their commando forces have been beefed up.

To meet this potential Arab threat, Israel has been investing from 5% to 10% of its total defence spending on air base defence, says the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

It could spell the difference between victory and defeat in the next Arab-Israeli war.

If the Arabs were to undertake a sustained attack on Israel's air bases, they would have to commit some 350 sophisticated combat aircraft to the task. Without Egypt, Arab confrontation states now have more than 2,100 aircraft at their disposal. This represents a 50% increase since 1975. By contrast, Israel possesses no more than 600 planes.

In theory, several Arab states pose the greatest threat to Israel — Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Syria, since 1982, has overhauled its air force. Jordan, which had only 22 obsolescent Hawker-Hunter fighter-bombers in 1967, has approximately 115 aircraft today. Saudi Arabia's air force is 12 times larger now than it was when the Six Day War broke out.

The important thing to remember is that each of these countries has bases close to Israel's industrial heartland.

Furthermore, they have all acquired anti-runway munitions, including laser-guided bombs and television-guided missiles.

The Arabs also have surface-to-surface missiles with the range, accuracy and lethality to destroy targets deep inside Israel. Syria's SS-21 missile can reach Israel's Ramat David base. Deployed in Jordan, the SS-21 could hit all seven of Israel's bases.

Although the SS-21s could not totally incapacitate Israel's bases, they could destroy anti-aircraft defences and damage runways, easing the path of attacking Arab jets and preventing Israeli planes from taking off.

Israeli airfields, as well as supporting facilities like radar stations, ammunition dumps and communication centers, also could be targets of Arab commando attacks.

Arab forces have 30,000 to 40,000 commandos who could be used against Israeli bases. Syria has the largest such force. Military thinkers in Israel do not underestimate the Syrians. In the Yom Kippur War, they captured a fortified Israeli position on Mt. Hermon. And in the 1982 Lebanese war, they fought very well.

Can Israel respond to this overall threat?

Certainly, Israel is no sitting duck.

Israeli planes, repair facilities and storage sites are protected by reinforced concrete structures, and important facilities are duplicated. Air defence and perimeter ground defences provide active protection against attacking aircraft and commandos. Bases are provided with rapid recovery and repair teams. And camouflage and deception makes it more difficult for an attacking force to find and destroy air bases.

Consequently, an Arab force striving to destroy Israel's air bases *cannot inflict sufficient damage to them to permanently incapacitate the Israeli air force. And neither can the Arabs destroy all of Israel's aircraft on the ground.*

However, the Arabs do not need to destroy Israel's bases in order for their attacks to be a decisive influence on the outcome of a war. Arab war aims may be served by significantly reducing the number of combat sorties that the Israeli air force can fly during the first critical day of a war. The balance of power would dip in favor of the Arab side if there was a drastic reduction in the number of missions the Israeli air force could fly in support of ground troops.

The likelihood is that Arab frontline states will continue to acquire high quality weapon systems, both from the West and the East, suited for attacking Israeli air bases. Israel will, no doubt, try to counter each Arab move. But by the same token, Israel's air bases may become increasingly vulnerable to Arab attack during the next few years.

3,000 entries on famous and near famous

New Who's Who in Israel fascinates

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

The twentieth edition of Who's Who in Israel, recently off the press, is as usual a mine of information about personalities in Israel. The attempt at comprehensiveness is obvious in the inclusion of Arab and Druze notables, immigrants from Russia who have "made good" and a sprinkling of men and women overseas who have had a share in Israel's life.

If not every personality in the news is listed, that is not the fault of the editor. For all their reputation, many Israelis are tight-lipped about themselves, and are unwilling to provide biographical information. Are they bashful? Do they think the income tax authorities use this as a reference book? Does their conscience forbid them to respond to a questionnaire if they do not plan to buy the book?

The noted writer, G. Kresel, was quite frank when he wrote in a preface to one of the earlier editions that a Who's Who of Israel is "a panorama of our society, embarking all its shortcomings and superfluities." Indeed, while a telephone directory can hardly be called interesting reading, one can flip the pages of the Who's Who and find fascinating curiosa about the famous and near-famous of the country. Many of the names may be unfamiliar overseas, but in Israel one can achieve fame, notoriety or status almost overnight. In all there are about 3,000 entries.

Among the interesting facts we gleaned: In a previous edition Abba Eban listed an address; this time it is deleted, so admirers can not send him a greeting card on his birthday, which falls on Feb. 2 (1915). Helen Bar-Lev, a painter, lists her address as The Ethiopian Church in Jerusalem. Prof. Amos Nathan lists himself as unemployed since 1970. Menachem Begin is there of course, but without an address.

We learn that Ariel Sharon studied law for a while at Tel Aviv University. Shimon Peres does not reveal where he was born, but he came to Israel in 1934. Moshe Arens was born in Kovno, but educated in the U.S. Don Patinkin, president of the Hebrew University, is a native of Chicago. Prof. Josef Singer, president of the Technion, was born in Vienna and came to Israel at the age of 10. During the Second World War he flew with the Royal Air Force.

Moshe Dayan passed away several years ago, but the Moshe Dayan listed is an engineer and a member of Israel's diplomatic corps. Meir Kahane gets 10 lines.

One subject, by the name of Pilosof, turns out to be a professor of philosophy. Another lists his various scientific papers, and takes pains to give the gist of his "most quoted publication." And still another, in the place which usually designates profession or occupation, is listed as "Outstanding friend of Israel." A keen eye can pick out many more curiosa.

There are 29 Cohens, 18 Levys, 16 Katzes, 14 Shapiros, but only 6 Goldsteins and 1 Goldberg.

Brevity is the modest hallmark of many of the noted personalities, and brevity is also the characteristic of many of the names themselves. Thus we find such family names as Ben and Sen, Don and Ron, Gal and Tal, Paz and Raz, as well as Dor, Gil, Guy, Har, Kun, Lev, Low, Luz, Man Ney, Nir, Rom, Ser, Tov, Zak, Ziv and Zur. The shortest name is still that of the writer, Amos Oz.

In many cases we are informed what the subject's name was before he Hebraized it, in itself a subject for sociological study. Shekel used to be Scolnicov, Shaviv used to be Shaw, Abir was Abramovitz, Dror was Davidowitz, Miron was Znamirowski and Ramati was Rosenberg. Others may not provide their former names, but any student of Hebrew can identify that Harpaz was Goldberg and Har-Even was Steinberg.

On the other hand there are stubborn ones, who still stick by their original names, like Salpeter, Schvartzer, Shitnovitzer, Swisslockey-Kohen, Yudelevitch and others

Significantly, almost all the first names are Hebrew, though we do find a Chloe, Roman, Ivan, Zita, Geoffrey, Fela, Alice — and a Carl.

The book also contains a list of the members of the present Knesset, as well as all 25 members of the government cabinet, and additional useful information about municipalities, public agencies and institutions, the leading banks and industries as well as travel and transport.

Self-hating Jews internalize prejudices of anti-semites

The phenomenon of Jewish self-hate, which ironically has been "most prevalent in those lands where Jews have enjoyed the greatest opportunity and privilege," is examined in the current issue of Keeping Posted, published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Introducing the subject, the magazine declares: "In America, home to the most accomplished and diverse Jewish community in history, Jewish writers, comedians and audiences often share an image of the modern Jew that is anything but complimentary. Indeed, to hear some Jews speak about themselves and their religious community is to listen to a recitation of common and offensive anti-semitic stereotypes.

"Yet these same comedians and writers often provide an invaluable service by opening the door to healthy self-criticism while diffusing, through ridicule, the very stereotypes they foster."

In an article tracing the roots of Jewish self-hatred, Dr. Raphael Patai writes that the phenomenon did not develop until Jews were emancipated in late 18th century Europe. Earlier, he says, Jews — however persecuted and downtrodden — "regarded themselves as God's chosen people, as the only true servants of the Lord and keepers of the Commandments. This certainty protected them from feelings of inferiority, especially self-hate."

The author points out that Jews of the Enlightenment wanted to participate in European culture, "including the language, clothes, manners and values of the countries in which they lived. They assumed — for the first time in Jewish history — that Gentile culture was superior to their own Jewish customs." Many converted to Christianity, while others, unwilling to sever all their ties with Judaism, "tried to discard the traits which made them recognizably Jewish."

Although many Jews imitated the ways of their Gentile neighbors, they were still regarded as inferior, the article says. Despite this rejection, Jews "continued to identify emotionally with the ideal image of the Gentile, and began to adopt much of the Gentile's often negative view of the Jews."

An article by Edward Shapiro explores Jewish humor — including "Jewish American Princess" and other depreciatory jokes — and examines differing interpretations of it. One view is that humor has been a weapon which Jews — lacking political, military and economic power — used to mock their enemies and maintain their own morale.

A second analysis holds that Jewish humor is characteristically masochistic — an internalization of negative Gentile images. Still another interpretation contends that Jewish jokes have a different meaning for Jews and Gentiles, and that Jews see positive elements in seemingly negative stereotypes.

Keeping Posted also features an interview with Judith Weinstein Klein, a psychologist who has made a special study of Jewish identity and self-esteem. Through her research, Dr. Klein found that Jews with a positive Jewish identity were content with how they looked, "even with those features that they identified as Jewish."

Self-criticism, according to the psychologist, "prompts people to explore what they like and don't like about themselves," a process that "invites constructive change." Self-hatred, on the other hand, is "destructive." Klein argues that the Jewish self-hater "internalizes the negative Jewish stereotypes of the dominant culture and adopts them as absolutes." Instead of changing his behavior for the better, the self-hater "simply condemns himself and his people."

Klein believes that negative stereotypes of Jewish women contribute to the high rate of intermarriage between Jewish men and non-Jewish women. Jokes about "Jewish American Princesses," she contends, rely on two basic principles: that Jewish women are materialistic and demanding, and that they expect their fathers and later their husbands to make the world right for them. "This stereotype undercuts feelings of adequacy and power among Jewish women," she asserts, and "expresses many of the fears that lead Jewish men to avoid relationships with Jewish women."

Observing that many Jews seem "uncomfortable with themselves, their religious heritage and minority status," Keeping Posted recommends education as an antidote: "The more familiar we become with our rich and varied traditions, the less likely we are to reject them for other cults and cultures," the magazine says.

Opinion

Let us bar door to intolerance and divisiveness

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Last week I stated that a rarely-seen outburst of intolerance and hostility at a meeting of regional and local leaders of Congress in Ontario disturbed me profoundly. I began to wonder whether that was a sign of the extension of Israel's recent wave of intolerance that caused a leader of Israel's National Religious Party, the recent minister of education in Israel, Zevulun Hammer, to issue the alarming statement that the present trend in the Jewish state is "creating two peoples, not one."

J.B. Salsberg

Now I will, with your kind indulgence, turn to the local scene.

To fully understand the concern of many people over the outburst that I refer to it is, perhaps, necessary to cast an objective view of the origin and nature of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Congress in this country came into being towards the end of the First World War when world Jewry was facing historic crossroads that called for a unified Jewish voice, both in the council of nations as well as at home. Efforts to achieve such a unified voice fell short of what its sponsors — who represented most major sectors of the world Jewish community — hoped for. We can't, in this cramped space, examine the reasons for the limited nature of the success that met that visionary objective. Local conditions, like the fractured relationships of U.S. Jewry at that time, became insurmountable. The partial failure of the Congress concept in the U.S. weakened the Congress perception also in other countries.

Canadian Jews, on the other hand, succeeded in forming a lasting and democratic umbrella organization, the Canadian Jewish Congress, that, despite its ups and downs, became and continues to be the admiration (if not the envy) of world Jewry.

CJC was launched in a democratic fashion — by the application of the principle of universal suffrage in the selection of its leadership. Every Jew in Canada had the right and the opportunity to participate in the election of its "Congressman" to what was grandly referred to as "the Parliament of Canadian Jews."

Practically every expression of Jewish life at that time — social, religious, political etc. — campaigned openly and enthusiastically for its particular slates of candidates. (Yes, even street-corner meetings, canvassers, etc., that were copied from the existing Canadian political structure.)

What assured long life for our Congress was the very realistic guiding principle that Congress cannot become a captive of any one political and social segment of our society. That Congress must, therefore, be guided by the principle of consensus. That meant that Congress must avoid hardened positions that may threaten the unity of the community.

When faced with such a dilemma Congress refrained from action while its constituent parts had the freedom and the opportunity to advocate their particular viewpoints. However they do that only on their own behalf (as a partisan viewpoint) but not in the name of Canadian Jewry as a whole which Congress, and Congress only, could do.

This unwritten, but strictly adhered to, organizational principle assured Congress of its unique superiority while not depriving its constituent parts of their fundamental principles.

Consensus became the guiding light for Congress. Only its enemies would dream of "capturing" Congress or hope to tie Congress to its particular bandwagon.

Thank heaven that such efforts were rarely, if ever, attempted and, thank heaven that every such partisan attempt failed ignominously.

To believe that the ill winds of intolerance and zealotry that unfortunately now blow in Israel and that caused a Mizrachi leader like Zevulun Hammer to warn against the creation of "two peoples, not one" in Israel; to believe that those ill winds do not reach us here would, indeed, be very naive. The whole purpose of this, and last week's, column is to save us from all temptations to transplant the seeds of Israel's present intolerance and divisiveness.

At the Ontario meeting of the regional and Toronto executive committees I witnessed the appearance of that danger. It was an overdue meeting to deliberate the immediate and long range effect of Ontario's policy to extend Catholic school funding to cover the entire high school program, and its meaning for Jewish education in the province.

It's an issue that has not yet won the unanimous support (and some passionate opposition) from the people of Ontario. Even in the Jewish area there is no clearcut unanimity on this matter. Even though I, personally, support the concept of Jewish day schools, I am, nevertheless, acknowledging the right of those who question this concept to give voice to their contrary opinions without being slandered.

When, therefore, a Jew of our community who occupies a prominent and highly respected position in the entire country; when such a person comes to a deliberative meeting of the Congress to express his personal views on this vital issue; when another person, with a reputation of his own, attacks the respected spokesman of a contrary viewpoint, as being "a demagogue" and engaging in "demagoguery;" when that happens it seems to me to be not too early to sound a warning bell against the destructive evil of intolerance and of mean-spirit in the councils of Congress.

There is much good in Israeli society that we should try to emulate but, for heaven's sake, let us bar our doors to the problems of intolerance, of divisiveness and of zealotry. To do otherwise is to sap Congress of its vitality and, perhaps even, of its viability.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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OBITUARY BIASED?

It is most regrettable that J. B. Salsberg utilized the passing of Herbert S. Levy to distort the work and vision of Herbert Levy in the Dec. 12 issue of The Canadian Jewish News "Chanukah gift: Two columns for the price of one").

He mentioned Herbert Levy's contribution to Canadian Jewish life and then imposed his own personal prejudice regarding what the role of B'nai B'rith Canada should be in this country, stating that it should be subservient to another organization.

Let me assure your readers that Herbert S. Levy was a true Ben Brith who fully understood and endorsed the activities of our current leadership. In recognition of his commitment to our present goals, he was named honorary executive vice-president and was chairman of international affairs for B'nai B'rith Canada.

Herbert Levy, of blessed memory, never accepted the concept that J. B. Salsberg falsely describes in his column — that is, "the Canadian Jewish setting is primarily the domain of Canadian Jewish Congress."

Throughout his life, Levy staunchly defended the importance of a heterogeneous Canadian Jewish community and advocated cooperation and joint programming as equals with other national organizations.

I felt it was both inappropriate and unwarranted to introduce prejudices and biased political opinions on the role of a Canadian Jewish organization in what started off as a respectful tribute to a fine Canadian Jewish professional.

Let me state for the public record that B'nai B'rith Canada continues in the tradition of Herbert S. Levy and we are prepared to work in partnership with any organization that seeks to enhance Canadian Jewish life.

We do not expect others to integrate themselves into our jurisdiction; nor will we integrate ourselves into any other organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly remind J. B. Salsberg that only several weeks ago he frantically called me asking B'nai B'rith Canada to help out on a program with Esther Markish because Canadian Jewish Congress could not help him.

We arranged the program in Montreal for Markish and went on to sponsor a program for her in Toronto. This should clearly illustrate my previous point.

Frank Dimant
Executive vice-president
B'nai B'rith Canada
Toronto

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DON'T BAN NON-KOSHER ADS

In recent weeks I have seen two letters to the editor asking for a ban or modification of non-kosher restaurant advertising.

I interpret these requests as calls for censorship. As such I find them quite unacceptable.

Robert Strom
Toronto

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DON'T WEEP FOR PYGMIES

One congratulates Dr. Jerald Bain for his defence of the Pygmies in your Dec. 12 letters column headed "Says we're anti-pygmy racists."

But one also wishes he had used a less tainted weapon for his attack on bigotry. I quote: "The Pygmies have an inborn defect in their ability to grow beyond about 4½ feet."

Defect?

Why is short stature, limited by genetic selection, a defect, particularly in a people living in an environment that is nutritionally difficult, if not marginal?

In fact, I would think that short stature (equals small body mass, low volume) would be a distinct advantage.

Especially as such work as has been done on Pygmies suggests that their diminutive bodies support brains quite as good as those of larger people, and that in their native, unspoiled state they live lives of considerable complexity, freedom and contentment.

And they are infinitely better off when left alone than their larger, more acculturated neighbors.

Small Pygmies have for eons successfully hunted and eaten very large elephants, armed only with spears and bow and arrows.

Defect?

Dr. Theodor R. Marcus
Toronto

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"TRUNCATION RASPING, IRRITATING"

As president of the local branch of the AAA, the Anti-Aleichem Association, I rise to register protest at the egregious and banal error perpetrated (and perpetuated) by your newspaper in referring to the Yiddish writer and humorist by the senseless truncation of "Aleichem." The pen name Sholom Aleichem is an organic unit not to be severed into a given name and an imposed "surname."

I refer to the Jewish Telegraph Agency report in your Dec. 12 edition reporting the death of the writer's surviving daughter, Marie Waife, in New York at the age of 94.

The report said: "As the last of Aleichem's six children. . . ." It should, of course, have read: "As the last of *Sholom* Aleichem's six children."

We are accustomed to seeing this barbarism in the New York Times and the Toronto metropolitan dailies (to whom we have also complained). But we had no reason to expect it in the writing of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency or The Canadian Jewish News, which could have used their editorial prerogative to rectify this gross deviation.

To some, this seems to be pedantry. But there are those to whom the sight and sound of the mauling of a classical pen name is rasping and irritating.

Ben Kayfetz
Toronto

Sholom Aleichem . . . Readers object to slicing in half humorist's pen name.

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HIS PET PEEVE, TOO

Re your Dec. 12 obituary on the death of Sholom Aleichem's daughter:

You may have heard from Ben Kayfetz on the same subject, as this is also his pet peeve, but may I point out that there is no such name as Aleichem. It is only Sholom Aleichem.

By referring to this great writer as Aleichem, you are offending his admirers, of whom I am one.

Misha Allen
Toronto

Editor's note: As an equally ardent admirer of the peerless Yiddish humorist, we beg forgiveness for our literary lapse. It may be egregious, banal, rasping, irritating, and offensive, but it is also perhaps understandable when one considers the confusion over his name.

The Encyclopedia Judaica spells the pen name variously as Shalom and Sholem Aleichem and the author's original name as Shalom Rabinovitz. The New American Desk Encyclopedia spells the humorist's name as Solomon Rebinovitch and his pseudonym as Sholom Aleichem. Whatever the spelling, forgive us for inadvertently mauling or truncating the blessed memory of the man who created the characters who inhabit his fictitious Ukrainian shtetl of Kasrilevke. Like his humor, the name of Sholom, Shalom or Sholem Aleichem is imperishable.

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KAHANE AGAINST SUICIDISM

John Bayer should not be surprised that large numbers of Jews are disgusted by anti-Kahane opinions such as Bayer expressed in his Nov. 28 letter headed "Double standard."

Many Jews object to being called racists because they are determined to assure the survival of Israel — which would be impossible if the Arabs become a majority within pre-and post-1967 Israel, as they will within a few decades.

Jews are also angry that Israel's current leaders are not living up to their primary responsibility to ensure the safety and continuity of the Jewish people in our Homeland.

The recent release of over 600 terrorist murderers in the heart of Israel is only one example of their appalling lack of wisdom in this vital respect. Their failure to stop a growing number of Arab Knesset members from openly inciting against Israel is another example.

No democracy, including Sweden, the U.S. or Canada, would permit such treason.

This is not Judaism. It is not even liberalism. It is plain suicidism.

In summary, Israel's leaders are bound first and foremost to protect the Jewish homeland and Jewish lives. The continued survival of Israel is impossible unless the Arabs are expelled humanely and with compensation.

This is self-preservation and demographic sanity, not racism.

Ken Haberman
Toronto

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"HATE BOOKS" AVAILABLE

Last August, under a headline that read "More hate activities are alleged," The CJN reported in detail my attempts to bring to trial Malcolm Ross, a local book publisher, who is Maritime director of the Christian Defence League of Canada.

You correctly reported that it's a right-wing, Christian, fundamentalist group, whose members attended the trials of both convicted hatemongers Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra.

You further reported that I had filed a complaint with the Moncton RCMP, charging Ross with promoting hatred of Jews through his books *The Real Holocaust* and *Christianity Versus Judeo-Christianity.*

Well, this is to inform you that this literature is still available.

Recently, the Old Manse Library of Newcastle, NB, had no trouble acquiring for me from the National Library of Canada's circulating section in Ottawa those two same books.

Previously, I obtained from the same source other anti-semitic books, some of which were quoted at Keegstra's trial.

Dr. Julius Israeli
Newcastle, NB

World-National

National RCMP system

Missing children registry planned

MONTREAL —

The RCMP will have a central registry in operation by July to assist police forces and other agencies across Canada in locating and identifying missing children, Federal Solicitor-General Perrin Beatty has announced.

"This registry (in Ottawa) will be linked with the Canadian Police Information Centre, which now has on-line terminals in almost all police departments in Canada. It will also be linked with similar information systems in the United States and through Interpol, to the rest of the world," Beatty said.

The registry will contain information on all missing children reported by police departments across Canada, the minister said, adding that it will publish national bulletins providing accurate information to help police crosscheck and verify leads, and alert them to new cases that may be in their jurisdiction.

"The registry will also generate national statistics on missing children. The lack of such data has hindered the development of appropriate responses to the problem," he said.

The minister proposed a wide consultation on the issue with other levels of government, police and voluntary groups with a view to developing a comprehensive approach to the problem.

"My ministry will convene a national conference on missing children to ensure that our efforts reflect the needs of all those working in the area," Beatty said. "I will be inviting representatives from all levels of government in addition to the police and the voluntary sector. The conference will provide a forum for an exchange of information and ideas and to discuss action that can be taken over the next year or two."

He also proposed the establishment of a Canadian Information Centre on Missing Children for the exchange of information about effective programs and the coordination of efforts across Canada.

"I hope that private sector groups already involved with missing children will be involved with such a centre. Its general role and functions will need to be the subject of consultations with federal and provincial governments and the voluntary sector.

Beatty also urged the creation of a national Missing Children Day on May 25 which he said would be useful in alerting members of the public to measures they can take to minimize the chances of their children becoming victims.

"This date has already been chosen by some voluntary agencies for this purpose and I believe that the coordination of events in different parts of the country will add to their effectiveness," he said.

Montreal will be the first site of a major research project studying the problem of missing children with the cooperation of the Montreal Urban Community and Quebec government, Beatty announced.

"This research (scheduled to get under way by mid-March) is absolutely necessary in helping the police to work with the community, governments, and the private sector to improve methods of prevention and investigation, and in the locating of missing children.

"We need to know the true extent and nature of the problem and its links with other problems such as family violence, child abuse, and delinquency."

National Bible Contest planned for Montreal

MONTREAL —

The National Bible Contest, sponsored annually by the Canadian Zionist Federation, will take place April 13 and 14 in Montreal. The Hebrew Foundation School in Dollard des Ormeaux will be the host.

Shlomo Shimon, executive director of the Education Resource Centre, was appointed chairman of the contest at a meeting of the CZF National Pedagogic Council held recently in Toronto.

The council, chaired by Nachum Wilchesky, director of education of the Jewish People's Schools and Peretz Schools, is composed of Jewish teachers from across Canada.

Shimon takes over from previous contest chairman Rabbi Pinchas Tessler, a

Shlomo Shimon

branch principal of Associated Hebrew Day Schools in Toronto, and a former United Talmud Torahs principal in Montreal.

Held annually for the past 27 years, the contest encourages Jewish day and supplementary school students from across the country to study and participate. Semi-finals of regional competitions will be held Feb. 23 in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and Moncton. Winners of these competitions will move on to the national contest in Montreal.

First-place winners of the grades 7-8 and 9-13 divisions will receive a return ticket to Israel to compete in the International Bible Contest.

First-place winners in the grades 5-6 and supplementary school divisions will receive a $500 State of Israel Bond. Prizes are also awarded to other outstanding participants in the contest.

Hatch pledges no proselytizing

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in Israel over the issue. He noted that Brigham Young University, while owned and operated by the church, was still autonomous. "When the president of that university speaks," he said, "you can rely on what he says."

Hatch said he was particularly surprised that "people would doubt his (the university president's) assertion and his commitment that there will be no proselyting out of the centre."

In fact, Hatch said, the Mormon students will be going to Israel "to learn from the people there." He described this as "one of the greatest forms of teaching for young BYU students.

"Our purpose is not to teach people in Israel but to be taught by them," he repeated with greater emphasis. "And our young people have learned there."

Mormons, he continued, "have a special affinity for the Jewish people. . . . We were among the first not only to call for, but to work for the return of the Jewish people to Israel."

To underscore his own feelings, Hatch cited some of the work he has done while in the Senate to support Israel, Soviet Jewry and other Jewish-related causes. He has raised specific cases of Jewish Refuseniks and dissidents with the top kremlin leadership. He also recalled his own personal involvement in the struggle to keep Israel in the International Labor Organization.

"We have a love for the Jewish people," he said. "We consider them brothers and sisters. Whether or not they accept our beliefs, we accept theirs. We have a tremendous identity of interests. I don't know of another group of people which feels as deeply about the Jewish people, about Israel, as the Mormon. And our generation in particular loves Israel, and, as you know, I am one of the strongest supporters of Israel in the United States Senate."

He said that some of the Orthodox groups in Israel opposed to the BYU centre in Jerusalem simply "do not understand BYU's motives."

Let Qaddafi be scared, says Israel's premier

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"responsible and strong position."

The Israeli Premier said this has resulted in Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi backing down from his original position of strongly supporting the terrorist attacks. He said Qaddafi, who is "heroic in his speeches and irresponsible in his killings," is now frightened of what may happen. "But let him be scared instead of other people being frightened," Peres said.

This assessment seemed to be brought out by Qaddafi himself, who backed off from a scheduled appearance on NBC-TV's Meet the Press. Instead, reporters from the U.S. television networks were taken to a Libyan farm where Qaddafi held a news conference from the seat of a tractor.

He said while it would not be legal for him to carry out attacks such as at the Rome and Vienna airports, "It may be so" for the Palestinians who, he said, were acting the same way as American colonialists did against the British.

Qaddafi said that while he has met with Abu Nidal, the Palestinian terrorist leader believed responsible for the Vienna and Rome atrocities, Abu Nidal does not live in Libya nor has bases there. He said he did not know where Abu Nidal was.

However, Peres, saying lying was easy for Qaddafi, declared that Abu Nidal is "right now in Libya" and has his bases in Libya. He rejected a report in the London Sunday Times which claimed that Israeli sources said Abu Nidal was dying of liver cancer and the terrorist attacks were actually carried out by Libyan and Syrian agents.

But Peres seemed more cautious in implicating Syria in the terrorist attacks. "Syria is more careful," he noted. But he warned that if "Syria will not cooperate more clearly to prevent terrorism in the world" then it, too, would be considered as a host country for terrorism.

Future of Lavi appears clouded

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The Lavi, Israel's second generation fighter plane, will make its first test flight in nine months, but its future is clouded. The problems are budgetary rather than technical, Maj.-Gen. David Ivry, head of Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), manufacturer of the supersonic jet, told Israel Radio.

He said the first prototype Lavi will be flown next September and the second in December. But a decision has yet to be made as to its economic feasibility. According to some sources, the Lavi, which is to replace Israel's first generation home-built fighter, the Kfir, will be worth producing only if the air force guarantees to purchase at least 300 of the aircraft.

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Sensual performances as belly dancer

Hebrew U prof. demonstrates Mideast delights

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — By day Prof. Rachel Milstein lectures on the history of Islamic art to students in the Hebrew University's department of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies. But for a few nights each month she gives a less theoretical demonstration of oriental delights, writhing sensually for her audience to the pulsating rhythms of the bellydance beat.

"There is no direct connection to the fact that I both teach Islamic art and practice an aspect of it," explains Milstein. "I was always interested in dancing in addition to my academic pursuits and for years I was a folkdance teacher. I learned flamenco and jazz dancing and when I was in America 10 years ago I took a course in belly dancing."

Returning to Israel, she was invited to an Arab wedding a few weeks later. The band were so impressed with her dancing that they invited her to join them as their dancer and thus her professional career was launched.

Before she became a lecturer at the Hebrew University her financial situation was somewhat precarious, and she could often be found performing at night clubs and hotels throughout Israel. Today she is more selective in her appearances, occasionally dancing at the Jerusalem Hilton and often combining the dances with lectures about their history.

Milstein defines her performances as sensual rather than erotic. She sees herself as something of a cabaret act as she does not move amongst the audience, behave suggestively or encourage physical contact as many bellydancers do.

For the time being Milstein is concentrating more on her academic career. She specializes in Islamic numismatics and miniature painting but remains enchanted by the lively sensuality of Arab melodies and cannot resist letting her hair down with at least a few performances a month.

Belly dancing may be trendy in the West just now, but in the Middle East it is no fashion but a pastime as old as Semitic civilization.

Prof. Rachel Milstein of the Hebrew University gives a performance of belly dancing.

Immigration staff courses

OTTAWA — Immigration officers from across the country are in Winnipeg as the first wave of participants in a new cross-cultural training program, it was announced last week by Minister of State for Immigration Walter McLean.

Sponsored by Employment and Immigration Canada, the training program will give Immigration staff the opportunity to enhance their awareness and understanding of different cultures, said McLean.

"The cultural face of immigration in this country had changed almost faster than our capacity to respond to it," the minister noted, "and it has become difficult for individual officers to keep up with the diverse cultures of new immigrants."

The Winnipeg course will form part of a basic model for future regional training sessions. An additional course for trainers will include an instruction program for those who will plan, conduct and evaluate their own courses. All immigration staff will be able to participate in the bilingual program and enhance their professional development.

"Helping people to clarify and reflect upon their own values and attitudes, learning how to become more sensitive to the values and attitudes of others, increasing our understanding of Canada's evolving cultural mosaic, learning the skills needed to operate within the mosaic — these are some of the goals behind the program," the minister added, "and I'm glad to say that its development has been encouraged by the support and enthusiasm of both management and immigration officers themselves."

The Winnipeg course was designed and conducted by University of Manitoba professor Dr. Neil MacDonald, in consultation with Employment and Immigration Canada and Multiculturalism Canada.

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By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Friday, Jan. 10

MUSICAL LEGACY

Temple Sinai Congregation's annual Ruth Mendelsohn Concert will feature an accomplished trio of musicians following the 8.15 p.m. service on Friday, Jan. 10. Performing Jewish instrumental music from Europe will be special guests, **Avram Galper,** clarinetist, **Joseph Peleg,** violinist and **Judith Kenedi-Peleg,** pianist.

The program will include works by **Bloch, Weinberg, Fitelberg** and **Engel.**

Sunday Jan. 12

HUNGARIAN LODGE FORMING

B'nai B'rith Canada is forming a lodge for Jews of Hungarian descent. All are cordially invited to attend the second meeting where there will be a discussion on Fitting into the Canadian Mosaic.

The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 12, 10.30 a. m., at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard area), in the board room on the second floor.

To inquire further, call **Eugene Jacob,** at 781-3677 or **Debbie Cowitz,** at 633-6224.

PNAI MEETING

PNAI, the Toronto chapter of Parents of North American Israelis, will meet on Sunday, Jan. 12 in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be **Moshe Ben-Zioni,** vice-council for Israel in Toronto.

ORTHODOX JEWISH SCIENTISTS

Kashruth and Technology will be explored when **Rabbi Mordechai Levin,** assistant executive director, Orthodox division Vaad haKashruth, Canadian Jewish Congress, addresses the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 8.15 p.m.

The meeting takes place at the home of **Dr.** and **Mrs. Alan Seidenfeld,** 101 Laurelcrest Ave.

For more information contact **David Nussbaum,** 881-0834.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., meets next on Sunday, Jan. 12, when **Col. Joshua Bar-Am,** special envoy from Israel for the Jewish National Fund, will give his views on Israel Today.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast in the Gerald Schwartz auditorium follows, and the speaker begins at 10.30.

AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

The Entertainment and Cultural Connection at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue (Glencairn just east of Bathurst), presents **Dr. Jack Genesove,** speaking on A Patient's Rights Versus a Doctor's Privileges, on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and there will be separate tables for singles 21 - 39 as well as tables for singles 39 plus. Members will be admitted free, guests $2.

There will be refreshments and a door prize.

Co-ordinators are **Sandra** and **Jerry Genesove.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Canadian Zionist Federation sponsored Public Speaking Competition for Youth continues on Sunday, Jan. 12, with a further two heats at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W.

At 2.30 p.m., **Samuel Goldstein, Joseph Grossman** and **Jennifer Paton** will compete in category B (ages 19-22), and at 8 p.m., **David Goldberg, Joy Kaufman** and **Allen Zarnett** will be the contestants for category C (ages 23-30).

Officials will include **Judge Philip Givens; Gary Diamond,** principal of CHAT; **Prof. Lester Krames,** University of Toronto; **Harry Magder,** Canadian Jewish Congress; **Sue Magder,** Emunah Women of Canada; **Melanie Novis,** School of Speech and Drama; **M.J. Nurenberger,** publisher of The Jewish Times and **Julius Sokoloff,** Canadian Zionist Federation.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There is no admission fee.

WONDERFUL WORLD OF SHABBES

Here's a reminder about the Wonderful World of Shabbes, under the auspices of the Lubavitch Women's League, which takes place at the Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, Sunday, Jan. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This will feature hand-made exhibits portraying various aspects of Shabbes, computer quizzes and films. Children will participate in creative arts and crafts activities, including challah baking. They will love challenging games at the carnival booths, with prizes for all.

Highlighting the day will be the Small Wonder Puppet Theatre, from New York.

Tempting refreshments will be availabe, and your children can look forward to a fun-filled day as well as a learning experience.

To inquire further contact **Sorel Eizicovics,** 886-3714 or **Shternie Rosler,** 886-3465.

Monday, Jan. 13

CONTINUING EDUCATION

On Monday, Jan. 13, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation opens its winter continuing education program with a double barrelled program.

At 8 p.m., **Rabbi Elliot Diamond** will begin a second series of discussions and text analyses on Jewish Prayer in Theory and Practice. At 9 p.m., **Prof. Shelomo Morag** will begin a series of six bi-weekly classes on Epic Poetry in the Bible.

Morag, who teaches Hebrew language and literature at Hebrew University, is currently visiting professor of Hebrew language and Semitics at the University of Toronto. He will conduct his course at Shaarei Shomayim in English and it is open to women and men.

ALJS MEETING

The discussion group of the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit, ALJS, meets Monday, Jan. 13 at 7.30 p.m. in Forest Hill Public Library, 666 Eglinton Ave. W. Everyone, old, young and middle-aged, is welcome.

The theme, Other Modern Approaches to Judaism, will continue. The specific subject for Jan. 13 is, Leo Baeck: Balancing the Intellect and Emotion.

Participation in the discussion is encouraged. Bring your questions, objections, challenges and comments.

Leaders of the discussion sessions are **Rabbi Reuben Slonim,** president, and **Dr. Felix Eckstein,** secretary-treasurer.

HILLCREST FOR PEACE

Hillcrest For Peace, a local community group, will screen the film, Speaking Our Peace, at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m., in Wychwood Public Library, 1431 Bathurst St.

Following the film, there will be an open discussion on activities for the International Year of Peace (1986). All are welcome and admission is free.

Hillcrest for Peace meets the second Monday of every month at Wychwood Library. For additional information call 656-5434.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

NEW FRATERNAL JEWISH ASS'N.

Two films, Young Eyes - Ancient City (How children view the city of Jerusalem), and White Bridge, concerning Arab-Jewish co-operation in medical services, will be shown when the New Fraternal Jewish Association meets on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 8.30 p.m., at its centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107.

The public is cordially invited and admission is free.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

The Anorexia/Bulimia Family Support Group of Metropolitan Toronto and area, a non-profit organization, will hold its monthly meeting at 7.30 p.m. in Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 1, on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

All interested are invited to attend this informative and sharing gathering which will offer a special speaker.

Thursday, Jan. 16

KREATIVE KIDS PRE-SCHOOL

Kreative Kids Pre-School, in the Concord Community Centre at Dufferin and Highway 7, will hold an Open House on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 4-8 p.m.

Registration for 2½-5 year olds, is now being accepted for September.

To inquire further, telephone 731-7386.

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY BILL

Will the new federal employment equity bill work?

On Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7.30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, Toronto City Hall, the Coalition on Employment Equity for Persons with Disabilities, is sponsoring a panel discussion to consider its effectiveness.

A panel consisting of **Akua Benjamin,** Canadian Congress of Black Women, **Lynn Kaye,** National Action Committee on the Status of Women, **Wally Majesky,** Ontario Federation of Labor, **Mike McHenry,** Coalition on Employment Equity for Persons with Disabilities and **Yvonne Peters,** Coalition of Provincial Organizers of the Handicapped, will enter into discussion with **Warren Allmand,** Liberal MP and **Lorne Nystrom,** NDP MP, plus a representative of the government of Canada. Moderator is **Judy Rebick,** Coalition on Employment Equity.

For more information contact **Judy Rebick** at 964-9595, or **Shari Stein,** at 482-8255.

And What Else Is New...

KOSHER MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Is this the year you promised to get involved? Kosher Meals-On-Wheels urgently needs volunteer drivers or helpers this winter.

Hundreds of Jewish elderly and disabled rely on this service to bring them their only hot meal. Volunteers of all ages are needed as part of a team, two to three hours weekly (or occasionally) and reimbursement for mileage is provided.

Help your community by calling the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

SHAAR SHALOM EVENTS

Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., in Thornhill, is planning the following January events.

USYers ages 13-26, will have a special program on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 1.45 p.m. with simulation games and a chance to come and meet friends. Refreshments will be served.

Also on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 1.45 p.m., Kadima, ages 9-13, will have a program featuring **Pippi Longstocking.** Come and have fun. Bring a friend.

Sisterhood Shabbat, on Saturday, Jan. 18, will include Shabbat services and a special luncheon. Arrangements can be made at the synagogue.

On Friday evening, Jan. 24, there will be a family Tu B'Shvat Oneg Shabbat, when adults and children can celebrate together with singing, dancing and refreshments. The entire community is invited.

For additional details telephone 889-4975.

JOIN EZRATH NASHIM AUXILIARY

A new women's auxiliary has been formed in Toronto to raise funds for Ezrath Nashim, the Jerusalem Hospital for Psychiatric and Geriatric treatment and rehabilitation.

Ezrath Nashim operates an active research program into diseases of the mind such as Alzheimer's, and provides full psychiatric services for residents of north Jerusalem.

The Toronto auxiliary will work to raise funds to support the centre's many programs and to publicize its activities to the Canadian public.

To inquire further about this group, contact executive director, **Shula Robin,** at 636-0781.

BETH DAVID TORAH INSTITUTE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., will begin its Torah Institute spring semester on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7.30 p.m., and will continue on Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks. The instructor is **Rabbi Solomon Spiro.** His topic is Great Leaders: Their Impact on Jewish Thought and Practice. New participants are welcome.

B'NAI B'RITH ART AUCTION

Canyon Lodge B'nai B'rith, invites you to an Art Exhibit and Auction, set for Saturday, Jan. 18 in Thornhill Community Centre, Bayview Ave. and John St. Preview is at 7.15 p.m. and the auction is at 8.15.

Admission is $5 per person, $8 a couple. Refreshments will be served, and each couple or single attending the auction will receive a free lithograph as a door prize.

NEW CONGREGATION

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed, a new egalitarian Conservative congregation, invites you to join in its January programs.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m., a study evening, Community in An Age of Choice, will be led by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster.** This gathering takes place at 11 Shelburne Ave., (east of Bathurst, south of Lawrence).

A Shabbat service will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 249 Forest Hill Rd. (Babysitting is available).

For more information call **Shawn,** 782-1840.

FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE

Parents, do you want to go back to school, but you have children ages 2 and older to look after?

You can now take your children to the Flemington Day Care or Flemington Public School, where they will receive a nourishing breakfast (for a small fee) and then go to school.

Then, you may attend the neighboring Bathurst Adult Learning Centre where you can work toward your high school diploma, knowing that your children are well tended.

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PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lily (Leah) Rosenbloom and her children Feigie Feldman and Sheri Polan have bought a perpetual scholarship at an Amal school in Israel, in the name of their late husband and father, Max Rosenbloom. Mrs. Rosenbloom said, "My husband was always a strong supporter of Israel and of education. This gives me an opportunity to do both things in his name." Presenting the scroll to Lily Rosenbloom (second from left) is Gertrude Weinberg, executive secretary to Amal vocational training schools in Israel. On the left is Sheri Polan and on the right, Feige Feldman.

Organizations and People

What's New

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The centre is close to the Lawrence W. subway station and is part of the North York Board of Education.

For more details telephone 789-0551.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

At 12.15 p.m. on Jan. 18, following services, the Beth Tzedec Congregation Shabbat Study Luncheon will feature **Prof. Yosef Olmert,** who will speak on the topic The Palestinians.

Prof. Olmert, an Israeli author, lecturer and commentator, is currently a visiting professor in the department of Political Science at York University.

If you wish to attend the luncheon, your prepaid reservation must be in by Jan. 15. Cost is $4.75 for adults, $3.50, children.

TRAVEL PHOTOS OR SLIDES?

Baycrest Hospital patients will be able to see the world...with your help. The Armchair Travel Club is a new program being developed for January. It will introduce patients to a variety of travel spots around the world without their having to leave home.

If you have any photos or slides of your travels that you would like to share with patients, Hospital Group Services invites you to be a guest presenter. If you are unable to come in person, the Travel Club would greatly appreciate the loan of your photos or slides.

For additional information, please call **Dianne Brolley,** 789-5131, ext. 258.

KAHLUA WOMEN'S SKI FESTIVAL

Kahlua will be hosting a Women's Ski Festival on Jan. 18, at the North York Ski Centre in Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard).

Events will include cross-country ski instruction, a treasure hunt, waxing clinics, skiing demonstrations, a luncheon and a fashion show.

Among the guest speakers will be **Shirley** and **Sharon Firth,** three time Canadian cross-country Olympic skiers.

Cost is $12 per person, which includes equipment for people who don't have their own.

Skiers at the festival will be trying to meet Winnipeg and Edmonton's challenge to Toronto for the most kilometres skied by each city's festival participants.

To register for the Kahlua women's ski festival, call **Janet Gates** at 495-4210.

SEARCH FOR MISS NORTH YORK

Are diamonds really a girl's best friend?

Promoters of the City of North York's Miss North York pageant think so and hope to attract hundreds of entries to the competition by offering a diamond ring valued at $1,000 for this year's winner.

The ring, donated by Jewels of North York, a week for two at any Commonwealth Holiday Inn in the United Kingdom and a 35 mm camera donated by Black's Camera, are just a few of the great prizes lined up for the City of North York's next goodwill ambassador.

The competition is open to young women between the ages of 18 and 25, who are single, Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, and live in North York.

Contestants will be judged on personality, poise, public speaking and appearance.

Preliminary judging takes place at the Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale, on Jan. 20 and 21 at 7.30 p.m.

Finalists will be invited back for the crowning of the 1986 Miss North York and two runners up, at a gala dinner dance on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

Application forms are now available and may be picked up at the City of North York public information office, 5100 Yonge St. or the Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale sales department, 3450 Dufferin St. Deadline is Jan. 10.

BEETHOVEN CONCERT SERIES

Pianist **Anton Kuerti,** plays Beethoven Concertos with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra in a 3-concert series oon Feb. 6, 11 and 20, at Massey Hall.

For details and to order tickets, call 593-4828 or call toll-free, 1-800-268-9176 within the 416 area code, or visit the box office at either Massey Hall or Roy Thomson Hall, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

Subscription prices range from $16 to $42, for the series.

MALKAT PEKING ENTERTAINMENT

Singer **Gordon Lindsay** will entertain "melava malka style" at Malkat Peking-Chinese Kosher Restaurant, 3426 Bathurst St., Saturday evenings from 10 to 11 p.m. Cover charge is $1.50.

HILLEL JSU U OF T

On Thursday, Jan. 9, the JSU (Jewish Students' Union) membership and registration table, the UJA table and the Soviet Union letter-writing campaign table in the Sidney Smith Lobby at the University of Toronto, will be manned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also on Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. in the Sidney Smith Building, Room 1084, the film, Gates of Brass, a powerful docu-drama filmed secretly in Moscow, will be shown. Preceding it will be a talk on The Worsening Condition of Soviet Jewry, by **Wally Reinstein,** national Hillel coordinator.

At the JSU house, 604 Spadina Ave., 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, the Jewish Students' Learning Centre offers Judaism Re-examined and Beginner's Hebrew.

The annual UJA Campus Campaign Dance Extraordinaire, is set for Saturday, Jan. 11, 8.30 p.m. at Richmond Hill Country Club. Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Call 923-9861 for car pools and tickets.

A Wine and Cheese Party for grads only (this includes law, medical and dental students), takes place on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Jewish Students' Union, 604 Spadina Ave. Admission is $2 for members, $3, non-members. RSVP 923-9861.

On Monday, Jan. 13, at 604 Spadina Ave., the Jewish Students' Learning Centre offers Intermediate/Advanced Conversational Hebrew at 3 p.m., Pirkei Avos-Ethics of the Fathers at 3.30 p.m., Beginners/Intermediate Conversational Hebrew, 4 p.m. and Advanced Talmud, 5.30 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 14 and 15, in Sidney Smith Lobby, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be information tables noting summer trips to Israel and courses at Israeli universities.

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the UC Union, 79 St. George St., Choose Fun with JSU's Wine and Cheese Party from 3-5 p.m. Admission is $1 with JSU discount card, $2 without.

On Wednesday, the Jewish Students' Learning Centre also offers Beginner's Hebrew at 11 a.m., 19 Letters of Ben Uzziel at 4.30 p.m. and Tehila Choir at 8 p.m.

singles

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The next general meeting of **B'nai B'rith Coed Lodge, ATIDEYNU,** will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 14 in the BB House, 15 Hove St., at 7.30 p.m. Speaker will be **Ian Howarth,** from the Council for Mind Abuse. At the meeting, an update on January programming will be given. New members are welcome. For more information call **Steve** at 489-2692.

Floating Singles Congregation (ages 25 - 40) will celebrate Shabbat on Friday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. in Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. This evening will feature an Oneg Shabbat of Prose and Poetry followed by a program entitled, The Ten Plagues: What Was God's Message? For further information contact **Rabbi Howard Markose,** 635-5340.

Stress therapist **Lucy Meckler,** who specializes in improving personal development and communication, will address **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles** at their next gathering 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12, in the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Audience participation will add to the interest of the evening. Admission is $3 for members, $5, non-members. Bring your membership card.

Learn all the answers to your questions about lotteries, when a speaker from the Ontario Lottery Corp. offers a film presentation at the next general meeting of Total Living Mature Singles, Sunday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. in Earl Bales Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard Ave. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1 for members, $2, non-members

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Black and White Cocktail Party (black and white dress) at the Bellair Cafe Grill (upstairs in the grill) 100 Cumberland St. at Bellair, on Sunday, Jan. 12 starting at 7 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a disc jockey. Cover charge is $7.

for seniors

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Artist **Tutzi Seguin** will offer Travel To Greece Through Sketches, at the meeting of **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50,** on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome, and there will be refreshments. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50.

Jewish Ethics and Philosophy, a rabbis' lecture series, continues on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4 in the Waltman Fireside Lounge of the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave. On Jan. 15, **Rabbi Robert Marcus,** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, will explain The Jewish View of Apartheid.

At the **Wagman Centre,** on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 1.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room, there will be a performance by the Budd Trio of the Toronto Symphony, featuring **Ruth** and **Kevin Budd** and **Greg Paskaruic.** The group will be sponsored by the Sam and Mary Harris Music Room Committee.

An important literary event takes place at the **Wagman Centre,** between 10.30 and 11.45 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, when Meet the Author, showcases **Rosemary Donegan,** and her book, Spadina Avenue which recreates the Spadina experience in unconventional pictorial form. Slides from the book's plates will be shown. Admission is free and everyone is welcome at these Wagman Centre programs.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Are you over 55 and on your own? Come out to the next Friendship Circle meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Music Room.

Judith Cohen, a folksinger of Ladino, Yiddish and French Canadian music, will entertain at the Wednesday afternoon social, 1.30 p.m., Jan. 15.

Sundays at the Centre presents the Canadian Zionist Federation Public Speaking Competition for Youth on Jan. 12 at 2.30 p.m. There is no charge.

at the jcc

The N/E Valley Couples Over 40 Group will host a lecture series on White Collar Crimes in Ontario, 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12, at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The speaker will be **Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg,** director of chaplaincy for Toronto Jewish Congress and Mount Sinai Hospital. In today's world of increasing technology and computors, white collar crime is rising. Come out and hear about it. Cost is $5 per couple, and hosts are **Helga** and **Max Stummer.** RSVP to **Bettie Raibmon,** at 881-4213. For more information telephone **Rose Shapiro,** 889-0813.

You are invited to the JCC N/E Valley on Sunday, Jan. 12, for an unusual production of The Ugly Duckling, by Tim Gosley Puppets, and also to participate in a hands-on Puppet Workshop. This program will take place at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is $5 per family for members, $7, non-members. Refreshments will be served. For more details call the office at 889-0813. Between noon and 2 p.m. that afternoon, information and registration will be available for the junior kindergarten 1986-87 season.

After a short break, the JCC Singers are back at their regular rehearsals on Thursdays from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Room 221 at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Musical director, **Esther Ghan-Firestone,** will be pleased to rehearse with new singers. All voices are welcome. You don't have to be able to read music. This choir performs in seniors' homes, hospitals and at communal functions, and is now accepting bookings for the 1986-87 season. Enquiries may be made to president **Dolly Brown,** 636-8475.

The JCC Singers are indebted to **Dorry Steele,** through whom **Marshall Clavir,** president, and **Steve Davis,** salesman, of Lady Manhattan Blouses, have donated new blouses for the women of the choir.

The Leah Posluns Theatre School has something for everyone, and is accepting registration now for the winter semester. Scriptwriting, acting technique, improvisation and the workshop (for experienced actors) may be taken for Seneca College credit.

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The Brown Bag Lunch Series continues in the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst, with a screening, About Pellan, on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 12.30 p.m.

Food Fashion Fest

The Jan. 2 What's New column carried an incorrect date for the Food Fashion Fest being held by Shoshana Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women.

The gathering will be held Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m.

For further information, call Shelley Gordner, 661-7447.

About People

AZA PRESIDENT VISITS ONTARIO

Jeffrey Ackerman, 18, of Denver, president of AZA (Aleph Zadik Aleph), the male component of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, will be visiting Lake Ontario Region between Jan. 17 and 24. As international president, he heads an organization consisting of 16,000 members in 12 countries.

Jeffrey Ackerman

Ackerman's aim is to "promote a fraternal feeling amongst each member."

Along with **Allan Moll,** AZA president of Lake Ontario Region, he will attend special programs and workshops in Kingston and Hamilton, as well as several events with B'nai B'rith Youth in Toronto. In Toronto, a city-wide membership dance is planned, plus a leaderhip training seminar for new chapter executives.

GRANTS FOR JCC

John Oostrom (right) MP for Willowdale, presents Patricia Starr, assistant treasurer of the JCC, with two checks totaling $40,000. A grant was received from the secretary of state for the Hebrew and Yiddish cultural enrichment program at the JCC. The second grant was awarded from the employment development branch for a job creation program which will enable the JCC to train females in its maintenance department, giving them equal job and equal pay opportunities in a traditionally male-oriented area. Also seen here are Hindy Friedman, coordinator of community development, and Alan Zender, honorary vice-president.

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Organizations and People

Discussing dinner-dance ball to be sponsored by The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation are, from left to right, Harvey Solursh, Ontario chairman, Sam H. Blank, national president, Dr. Knox Ritchie, chief gynecologist and obstetrician of the Mount Sinai Hospital Perinatal Unit and Rabbi David Monson.

Dinner to honor entertainers

Shaare Zedek plans tribute

TORONTO —

The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation will host a dinner-dance on June 15 at the Constellation Hotel to honor the men and women of the Canadian entertainment industry. Proceeds will be used to establish the Canadian Entertainers' Gift of Life Fund for the Neonatology (newborn) Intensive Care Unit at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem.

The project was announced recently at a reception held for prospective committee members. "Our honorees will be those people who bring so much pleasure and joy to all of us, not only in Canada, but all over the world and who, for far too long, have had to leave this country for the recognition they deserve," stated Sam H. Blank, national president of the foundation.

He added that the evening will be devoted to entertainment rather than speeches and that the chairman of the entertainment committee, film producer Jon Slan, and his associate chairman, talent representative Catherine McCartney-Brown, have already started contacting the leading Canadian performers about participating in the event.

Toronto industrialist Alex Grossman is campaign chairman, accountant Harvey Solrush is tribute committee chairman, and television and film star and director Al Waxman will be dinner chairman. Waxman and his wife, Sara, were honorees at the foundation's 1984 dinner.

Dr. Knox Ritchie, chief obstetrician at the Mount Sinai Hospital perinatal unit in Toronto, explained the importance of an intensive care service. He described the methods of treatment used to save the lives of premature and ill newborns, adding that until 15 years ago, a large majority of these infants didn't live. Now most do.

The most prevalent problem encountered by these infants is the fact that their lungs are immature and they can't breathe. New techniques and equipment now handle this chore for them until the lungs develop and the babies can breathe on their own, he said.

The cost of treating these infants at Shaare Zedek is well over $300 U.S. per day and many of them require hospitalization for several months. Neither the Israeli government nor health insurance plans cover the cost of their care beyond the third day. Shaare Zedek bears the full cost of their treatment and the department is consequently in a deficit position.

Over 4,000 babies are born at Shaare Zedek every year. In addition, the hospital serves as a referral center for other Jerusalem hospitals and those on the West Bank, creating a great demand on the Unit's services.

The Canadian Entertainers' Fund will help defray the cost of maintaining the department, said Blank.

Leah Borenstein, a Toronto nurse who moved to Israel last year and has been working in Shaare Zedek's operating theatre ever since, told the reception guests of the warmth and caring of the staff for the patients and for each other. She described the excitement engendered whenever new equipment arrives at the hospital and she encouraged the guests to provide as much support for Shaare Zedek as possible.

For information on this new project, call The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation at (416) 781-3584.

Agudath Israel rabbi new council president

TORONTO —

Rabbi Moshe Lowy, spiritual leader of Agudath Israel Congregation, has been elected president of the Va'ad HaRabonim of Toronto, succeeding Rabbi Baruch Taub of Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation.

The Va'ad HaRabonim, or Rabbinical Council, is the organization of Orthodox rabbis in Southern Ontario, numbering over 30.

Rabbi Amram Assayag of Petah Tikvah Congregation, was elected vice-president, succeeding Rabbi Reuben Poupko of the Beth Zion Congregation of Oshawa.

Lowy, born in Vienna, was ordained at the Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland and served as lecturer at the Telshe campus in Chicago. He later held the title of Rosh HaYeshiva of the Yeshivas Bais Shlomo in New York.

Lowy also served the Detroit Jewish community and the Va'ad HaRabonim there prior to coming to Toronto.

Rabbi Moshe Lowy and Rebbitzin Lowy.

Assayag, born in Tangiers, Morocco, was ordained at the Bais HaTalmud in Jerusalem. He is currently senior rabbi of the Sephardic community, numbering over 10,000. He also serves as the educational director of Or Haemet Day School, the Sephardic educational system.

Assayag is on the executive of the Toronto Jewish Congress and on Va'ad Hakashruth of Canadian Jewish Congress.

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Organizations and People

"Things now changing for the better"

Singer remembers Toronto's good old bad days

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Today North York is a booming city, religion is no longer a significant factor in elections and the Liberals rule the roost at Queen's Park. However Vernon Singer, now a member of the Ontario Municipal Board, recalls when things were quite different.

Having served five years on North York council and 18 at Queen's Park, Singer said he encountered discrimination along the way, but dealt with it appropriately.

"There were certain obvious things to overcome, but it probably made me more determined than anything else," Singer told The CJN recently. "I'm very stubborn and enjoy politics.

"Things are now changing for the better," he added. "The Toronto I grew up in has gone and I think it's for the better."

Singer said his political views were influenced by his father Joseph Singer, a strong supporter of the Liberal Party who served as the first Jewish controller in the City of Toronto in the early 1920s.

After serving as an officer with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Europe during World War II, Vern Singer returned to Toronto where he obtained his law degree and began what has been a long and distinguished legal career. At the same time, he ventured into the world of politics, serving as president of the Ontario Young Liberals from 1947 to 1949.

In 1954 Singer was elected councilor for the then township of North York and was reelected in 1955 and 1956 before being elected as reeve of North York in 1957 and 1958.

Vernon Singer

Singer said that while he enjoyed serving on North York council he found it rather confining dealing with the same issues year after year.

Looking at the municipal scene today, Singer said many of the changes in North York are good, but pale in comparison to what was going on in the 50s.

"The changes in North York, in my time, were much more dramatic," Singer claimed. "It had moved from a small rural township to a good sized urban type municipality because of the influx of people after the war."

At the same time North York was growing rapidly, Singer said Metro Council was in the process of being formed to deal with such problems as a lack of water, sewers and roads.

While applauding development in North York, Singer's comments on North York council were not as kind. The former reeve said he finds the "shenanigans" on council rather sad.

"We were very fortunate in my time. We had a much smaller council and we got along well and did a lot for the municipality without any of that name calling. I get fed up with the constant bickering (on council)."

Singer said it may be time to eliminate the six municipal councils in Metro Toronto in favor of a single council governing the entire Metro Toronto region.

He said he decided to take a stab at provincial politics due to the lack of challenges at the municipal level.

First elected to the North York riding of York Centre in 1959, Singer served as a Liberal opposition member until 1977 when he stepped down. (The riding is now called Wilson Heights and is held by Liberal cabinet minister Monte Kwinter.)

"My one regret is that I left too soon," Singer said, looking at the current political situation in Ontario.

The former MPP said that while he doesn't miss the "rigors" of election campaigns, he does miss certain aspects of the legislature.

"Many of the things they are doing are things I've advocated," he said. "I often spot points that could have been made in debate."

As a backbench MPP, Singer promoted the importance of an ombudsman for Ontario through his private member's bill, which was presented annually for 10 years until the concept was finally accepted by the Conservative government in 1975.

Over the course of his political career Singer said he met and worked with many interesting political figures including former Prime Ministers Mackenzie King, Louis St. Laurent and Lester Pearson — whose pictures grace his office at the OMB, Ontario premiers Leslie Frost, John Robarts and William Davis and Frederick "Big Daddy" Gardiner, who Singer described as "a giant of a man.

"Very dedicated people"

"They were all very different and capable men for their times," Singer said. "They were very dedicated people and I enjoyed them all."

In September 1978 Singer was appointed to the OMB by the former Conservative government under Davis.

As a member of the OMB, Singer said he participates in planning and zoning bylaw appeals, municipal financing matters, expropriations and appeals on municipal assessments.

Singer is married to the former Dorothy Plesner and has three children: Stephanie, 35, Eric, 34, and Melanie 30. He is a member of the board of the Jewish Community Centre and Baycrest Hospital; a member of B'nai B'rith, the Canadian Legion and served as chairman of the North York Red Cross for three years.

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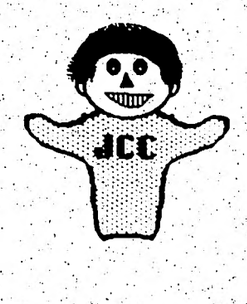

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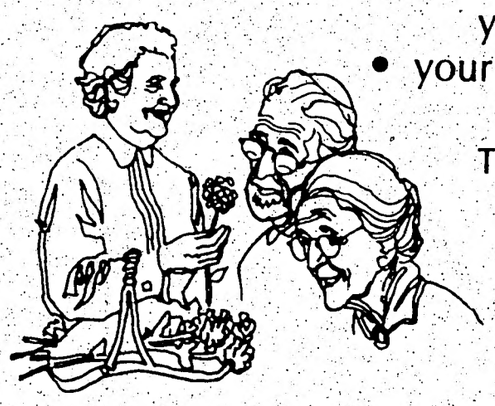

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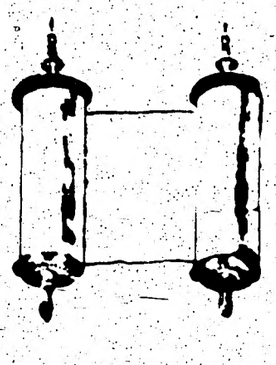

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Va'ayra/Rosh Chodesh Shvat

Words have to come from the heart, not just the lips. We have to feel, we have to think.

G-d sent Moses to save the Jewish people. Moses complained: "How will Pharaoh listen to me . . . va'anee aral sefatayim. . . . I am a stammerer!"

Strange! If G-d wanted to save the Jews, couldn't he have sent an orator to save them? Or even a normal-speaking person? Couldn't he heal Moses' defect?

Why couldn't Moses speak properly?

One sage explained in this manner. . . .

After the first Zionist Congress, Rabbi Shmuel Mohliver gathered the Zionist leaders of Bialostok to organize their efforts. He asked that all the speakers give their addresses in Yiddish, not Russian.

Among the assembled was a Dr. Cohen — Bernstein, an assimilated Jew, who could hardly speak Yiddish. He complained: "Rabbi, for some of us it is almost impossible to speak in Yiddish. Let us speak Russian, and those who don't understand can have a translator. . . ."

Answered Reb Shmuel: "That's not my reasoning. But you know, when G-d wanted to save the Jews, he sent a stammerer and stumbler, Moses. Why not send a delegation of well-spoken leaders who would hold fiery orations before Pharaoh about the meaning of freedom?

"But G-d knew that the delegation would be so tied up giving beautiful speeches, that nothing would be accomplished. Instead, he sent a stammerer who could just get out a few words: 'Let my people go!'

"Here also," continued Reb Shmuel," I know you are all great orators. I am afraid that you will all stand up and give lengthy addresses . . . and accomplish nothing real . . ."

How do you measure a person? Talk is cheap. Speeches and sermons and bouncy Good Shabbeses don't cost money.

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No one needs a thank you. G-d thanks — and blesses. . . .

* * *

Why was Moses a stammerer? Why couldn't he find his voice?

He complained to G-d: Behold the Children of Israel didn't listen to me, so how then will Pharaoh listen?

What was Moses' argument?

But he said: From where does a Jewish leader get his voice, get his power, get his inspiration? From the people! When they are behind him, when they support and give him confidence — then he can speak with strength!

Jewish leaders stand on the shoulders of the Jewish people.

In this time of great danger for the Jewish nation, how can our leaders get their strength unless Jews stick together, stop criticizing and fighting each other, stop dividing into different politics, different sects, different communities . . . not Hungarian Jews, Polish Jews, Moroccan Jews, White Jews, Black Jews.

Jews — that's all!

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There's always room for peace. Two Jews came before Reb Moshe Yitzchak of Ponivitz and claimed a certain choice spot in the cemetery.

The rabbi finally decided — "No problem. Whoever dies first can have first pick."

They stopped arguing fast. Shabbat Shalom.

Developer buys publishing house

New M&S chief loves his latkes

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Avram Bennett, the new owner of Canada's premier book publishing company — McClelland and Stewart Ltd. — calls himself "an observant Jew who lights candles on Sabbath and loves potato latkes."

Bennett, a 57-year-old land developer who owns shopping centres in Ontario and Quebec, confirmed last week that he had bought 100% of the shares in the ailing, 80-year-old publishing firm for $1 million.

He said he intended to invest an additional $1 million to keep alive the venerable, Toronto-based company whose stable of Canadian authors includes such luminaries as Margaret Atwood, Pierre Berton, Mordecai Richler, Peter Newman and Farley Mowat.

Jack McClelland, who has agreed to stay on as publisher for a minimum of five years, said he had made a substantial bet with Bennett wagering that the new chairman and chief executive officer of M&S would turn the company around within two years.

"I hope he's wrong, because that would mean I'd lose a whopping big bet with Jack," Bennett said jocularly in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News.

In a more serious vein, Bennett said he had assumed acquisition of M&S as a committed Canadian citizen.

"My pledge is to keep the company Canadian and support Canadian literature," he said. "I also look forward to the challenge — and fun — of making it a money-winner."

"Not a damn thing"

Asked what he knows about book publishing, he replied cheerfully: "Not a damn thing."

But his colleagues say that Bennett, chairman of First Plaza Inc., which owns such profitable shopping centres as Toronto's Dixie Mall and Lawrence Plaza, is a wizard in bookkeeping.

"He's a tough and astute businessman, just as he's a darling of a charmer when dealing with people," says Elsa Franklin, a former board director of M&S.

"Avie," as he's known in Toronto's Jewish community, says he's proud of the Jewish inheritance passed along to him by his parents.

His father, the late A. B. (Archie) Bennett, was the founder of Principal Investments and president of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress. His mother, Sophie, now 90, was a former president of ORT.

Their son, who was bar mitzvahed at the Conservative Goel Tzedec Congregation, attended Forest Hill Collegiate and was an arts student at University of Toronto, where, he says jokingly, he "majored in basketball and bridge."

Myron Gottlieb, vice-chairman of Cineplex Odeon Corp. of Toronto, says that Bennett is noted for his "fine business sense."

Bennett was a director of Cineplex during its first year in 1982 as a public company, when he represented the interests of the family of the late Toronto steel tycoon, Max Tanenbaum.

Avram Bennett

He also served as chief executive of Max Tanenbaum Investments Inc., helping to straighten out the company's tangled real estate holdings.

Bennett discreetly declines to name some of his favorite Canadian authors and says his reading is "eclectic."

Thus far, his sole link with book publishing is his role as father-in-law to Alison Gordon, a former Toronto Star sports reporter who wrote a book on baseball published in 1984 by McClelland and Stewart.

Bennett said he would appoint a new advisory board within the next month to help him handle the literary side of the business.

As for the financial side of M&S, he said he hopes to restore the company's profitability by considering new products allied to book publishing, such as audiobooks.

He said the company will honor its commitments to the Ontario government, which vainly tried to bail out M&S in 1984 by forgiving about $3 million in loans.

Asked on what basis he believes M&S can now make money, Bennett amiably replies: "Optimism."

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PUBLIC WELCOME

Haifa U Friends appoint Sokolsky

TORONTO —

Ted Sokolsky of Toronto, until recently senior executive regional director with the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, has been appointed campaign director for Canadian Friends of Haifa University's George Cohon tribute dinner set for May 22.

The position was announced this week by CFHU executive vice-president Alec Aylat.

Aylat, who is taking up an appointment in the U.S. with the National Committee for Labor Israel, will serve as volunteer consultant to CFHU through 1986.

Sokolsky holds an MA from York University and a BA from Glendon College, Toronto.

Organizations and People

Lawyer Catzman cited for "outstanding service"

CJN columnist to be honored by Law Society

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

To readers of The CJN, Fred Catzman is the columnist who writes a weekly feature tracing the history and origins of various Jewish surnames.

But to his peers, Catzman is a respected lawyer who was recently recognized for the many contributions he has made to the legal profession in his long and distinguished career.

The Law Society of Upper Canada, the governing body of lawyers in Ontario, in honoring Catzman for "outstanding service within the profession," according to Pierre Genest, treasurer of the society.

Catzman, along with John Honsberger, Margaret Hyndman and George Wallace, will be presented with The Law Society Medal at the convocation of benchers (elected representatives) of the Society on Thursday, Feb. 27 at Osgoode Hall.

The new award has been instituted to honor service within the profession "where the service is in accordance with the highest ideals of the legal profession and whether by devotion to professional duties over a long term or for a single outstanding act of service," Genest states.

Catzman's devotion to professional duties has certainly taken place over a long term. A graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School in 1929, Catzman was the silver medalist that year, finishing behind J. J. Robinette, who took the gold.

During the first few years of his law career, Catzman worked as an associate with Henry Rosenberg, father of Ontario Supreme Court Justice Alvin Rosenberg.

Afterwards, he recalls, he started his own law firm and specialized in corporate and commercial law until 1964, when his son Marvin joined him in practice. "He was a gold medalist in his year, so he beat the old man," Catzman says with a chuckle.

"He was a specialist in litigation," Catzman, 79, says, "and I reoriented my practice in that direction. We were a team for 17 years until he was appointed" as an Ontario Supreme Court justice.

Working with his son "was perhaps **the** most satisfying aspect of my law career," Catzman recalls fondly.

But it was hardly the reason to warrant an award.

While Catzman was busy building his practice, he and other concerned legal practitioners involved themselves in matters of law reform before there was a Law Reform Commission.

Catzman recalls how he and other lawyers and law professors pioneered a new piece of legislation in 1967 that rationalized the law pertaining to personal property (as opposed to real (estate) property).

The informal "Catzman committee" used to meet to study the "patchwork" of statutes that dealt with personal property security, he recalled, and after some discussion, the group drafted a statute that later formed the basis of the Personal Property Security Act.

That statute served as the model for similar pieces of legislation in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Yukon, Catzman says with pride.

Prior to that, Catzman says he was involved in drafting the Bulk Sales Act of 1950 and recently the committee prepared a report to the minister calling for the elimination of the Corporate Securities Act by incorporating some of its provisions in the PPSA.

At 79 years of age, Catzman still is actively involved in the practice of law. "I haven't learned to quit," he says. "I'd rather come here and worry about clients' affairs than worry about my own."

His interest in surnames derives, as one might suspect, from a curiosity about his own name. It has nothing to do with felines, he says. It's a Hebrew acronym for cohen tzadik (righteous priest) and according to his father, "we were descended from priests."

His father, who emigrated to Canada from Latvia in 1904, "saw to it we had a good Jewish education that didn't stop with a bar mitzvah."

For four hours a day, six days a week, he and other young acolytes studied gemarrah and mishnah with Rabbi Jacob Gordon. One of his study mates, Harry Orlinsky, went on to become one of the foremost experts on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Catzman says.

And the study habits and analysis of Jewish texts "helped with the thinking process" when it came to studying law, Catzman says.

Though active in legal matters, Catzman still found time in the mid 1930s to act as president of Toronto Zionist Council and serve on the executive of Canadian Jewish Congress.

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Fred Catzman

Big bucks give lottery record profits for year

TORONTO —

The Ontario Lottery Corporation recently concluded its 10th anniversary year with a record $249.6 million in profit, according to its 1984/85 annual report. This profit, used for public projects across Ontario, brings the total raised over the first decade of operations to $1.3 billion.

The report, released by John Eakins, minister of tourism and recreation, showed an incease of $33 million in profits over 1984 figures.

Highlights from the report include:

- Combined ticket sales of $812 million, up $150.2 million from the previous year.
- $415.5 million returned as prizes, an increase of $74.5 million from 1983/84. Over 10 years, the corporation has redeemed 133 million prizes worth over $2.1 billion.
- $15.9 million paid to the Government of Canada under terms of two agreements governing the withdrawal of the federal government from the lottery field.
- The Instant game, in its first full year of operation, recorded sales of $92 million.
- Unclaimed prize money of $43.6 million was $11.3 million higher than 1984, largely due to additional Instant games which added $8 million to the unclaimed prize fund. Abaout 89% of prize money is claimed.

Since Ontario's lotteries began in 1975, over $1.3 billion has been generated for sports, fitness, culture, recreation, health and environmental-health research, hospital construction and equipment and province-wide service agencies, the report states.

The Ontario Lottery Corporation operates six lotteries in Ontario: Wintario, Lottario, Instant, Provincial, Super Loto and Lotto 6/49. The latter three games are joint ventures of all Canadian provinces operating under the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation.

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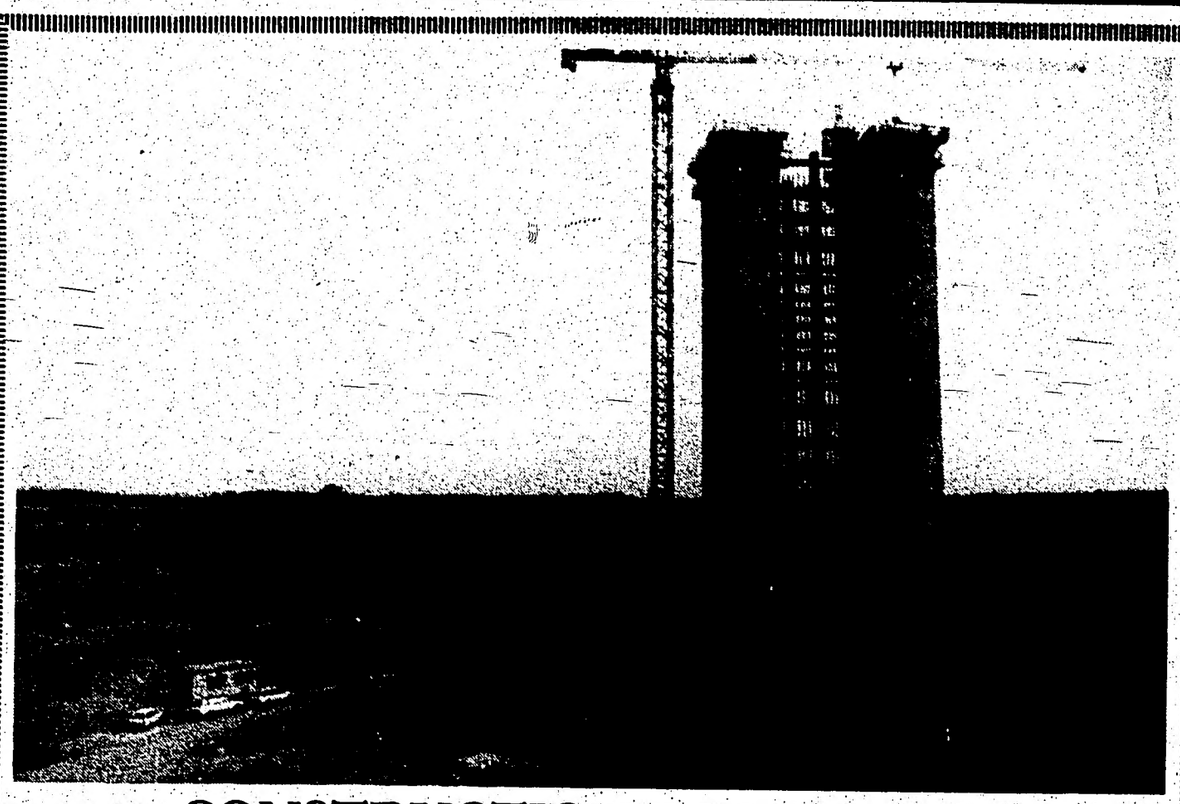

CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDING

Construction is proceeding rapidly on the Canadian Institute for the Energies and Applied Research at the Rehovot campus of the Weizmann Institute. Ground was broken in May and the 63-metre high central tower (seen above) was topped off by the end of 1985. The project includes the Kay Family Solar Spire, the Perkell Family Building and the Jacob and Dorothy Hendeles Family Foundation Building.

It's last chance to rescue Wallenberg, consul states

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Now is the last chance to rescue Raoul Wallenberg from the Soviet Union, Lars Fahlstrom, honorary consul of Sweden to Edmonton told delegates to the recent international North American Jewish Students' Network convention.

To help secure his release, Per Anger, former Swedish ambassador to Canada and a colleague of Wallenberg's who worked with him to rescue Hungarian Jews, will be conducting a Canadian tour (he will be in Toronto Feb. 2 and 3) to publicize Wallenberg's plight.

If Wallenberg, credited with saving thousands of Hungarian Jews, is still alive today, Fahlstrom said, "he will be 73 years old. He will not live much longer."

According to the Swedish ministry for foreign affairs, Wallenberg was arrested by Soviet authorities in Budapest in January 1945.

The ministry also states that returning prisoners of war bore witness to Wallenberg's existence and his imprisonment in Lubyanka and then Lefortovskaya prison. He has not been seen outside the Soviet Union since.

Although Soviet officials maintain Wallenberg died of a heart attack in July 1947, evidence obtained by the Swedish government as late as 1978 suggests Wallenberg was still alive then.

A young Soviet Jewish immigrant to Israel reported in that year that he had previously heard a conversation while at the party of a senior KGB officer.

The officer, commenting on the conditions for dissidents in Soviet prisons said: "Things aren't so tough nowadays as they used to be. You can live a long time in jail. Why I have a Swede under my charge in Lubyanka who's been inside for 30 years."

Lars Fahlstrom

Additional evidence secured by Simon Wiesenthal and released at the Wallenberg hearings in Stockholm in 1981, suggests Wallenberg was still alive as late as the summer of 1979.

"We are only missing one Swede so this person can only be Wallenberg," Fahlstrom told delegates to the convention.

The naming of Wallenberg as only the second honorary citizen of the United States, and very recently the first honorary citizen of Canada, helps to maintain public attention on his case, the consul said.

And only with continued attention to the cause of securing his freedom, especially by the media, will Wallenberg be released, Fahlstrom concluded.

Longtime Jewish leader suffers stroke

TORONTO —
Stephen Berger, a leader in Toronto's Jewish community for the past 40 years, has suffered a stroke that has paralyzed the left side of his body.

Berger, 85, was hit by the stroke Nov. 19 and has been in Mount Sinai Hospital, where he is conscious and not in a life-threatening situation, according to his son, John Berger.

The family is now trying to place the elder Berger in a rehabilitation hospital.

Last June, Berger was honored at a testimonial dinner along with Morris Kaufman for his long-standing success at fund raising in the community.

Berger and Kaufman were the founding co-chairmen of Toronto Jewish Congress's Bequest and Endowment Fund, which administers over $13-million in gifts, bequests and endowments to a host of Jewish causes.

Since immigrating to Toronto in 1944 with his wife and two sons, Berger has been involved in a myriad of Jewish organizations and his name has long been synonymous with Jewish fund raising.

An engineer born in Hungary who escaped the Nazis by fleeing to Portugal, Berger has been on several boards, including those of Toronto Jewish Congress, the YM and YWHA, Jewish Family & Child Care Service, The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and the Board of Jewish Education.

Stephen Berger

In addition, he has been a campaign chairman and longtime president of the United Jewish Appeal and in 1974, was named Man of the Quarter Century.

Berger has also donated his energies to the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the Jewish National Fund, Jewish Vocational Service and various Zionist organizations.

PLO, Kahane named among top issues of 85

NEW YORK —
The Palestine Liberation Organization, the United Nations, Bitburg, Louis Farrakhan, and Meir Kahane were among the top 1985 issues of significance to the Jewish community, says Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Perlmutter included the PLO because this was the year it was discredited "not so much by Israel, not so much by the United States, not so much by 'moderate' Arab states, certainly not so much by the United Nations" as "by its own actions."

He named the United Nations because on its 40th anniversary the "Big Lie" that "Zionism is racism" adopted in 1975 by the General Assembly is still "alive and well and living" there.

Bitburg was listed because it is a reminder that "even friends can be insensitive" and also that "insensitivity should not be equated with anti-semitism."

Terming Farrakhan a "demagogue" whose type Jews have seen rise and fall, Perlmutter noted "the rationalizations and evasions" of some mainstream Black spokesmen and asked "Is the toxicity in their tolerance for Farrakhan really less than the poison in his intolerance?"

Kahane was included because the "cutting edge" of his bigotry against Arabs "should frighten all Jews who take pride in the rational foundations of our heritage."

On the Pollard case, Perlmutter said it is likely not as negative as Israel's adversaries hope nor as meaningless as some friends pretend. That, however, does not absolve the boundless and mischievous irresponsibility of his sponsors."

Biomedical projects at Weizmann Inst. to receive grants

REHOVOT —
Three biomedical projects will each receive an annual grant of $40,000 for the next two years from the Foundation for the Rockefeller University and the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute.

The foundation was recently established to support and foster scientific collaboration between the two institutions. Additional income from an initial contribution of $5 million by the Rapid American Corp., headed by Israeli-born American industrialist Meshulam Riklis, will be applied to the exchange of visiting scientists between the two institutions and to the purchase of scientific equipment.

Also scheduled within this framework are annual joint conferences, the first to be held in Rehovot on April 9-10. It will focus on protein structure, function and regulation.

Areas investigated under the projects include studies into the biochemistry of intercellular communication, the genetics of learning, and the working of the sense of smell.

The first group, headed by Prof. Shmuel Shaltiel of the department of chemical immunology, will examine enzymes involved in the cellular response to hormones.

The second, headed by Prof. Yadin Dudai of the department of neurobiology, will perform a genetic dissection of chemical signaling processes within the cells, with special emphasis on its role in memory formation and the third, headed by Prof. Doron Lancet of the department of membrane research, will investigate how odor signals control the generation of electric impulses in chemosensory nerve cells.

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Rothstein chair to be established at Weizmann

TORONTO —

A chair in genetic diseases in the name of Dr. Aser Rothstein will be established at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, by the medical committee of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the institute, the society has announced.

Rothstein, who will be honored by the society at a dinner on May 12, has had a longstanding association with the institute where he once served as a visiting professor. He has been on the board of the society for many years.

Rothstein holds degrees from the University of British Columbia, University of California (Berkeley) and University of Rochester, NY. For many years he held important posts with the Health Division of the U.S. Atomic Energy Project before returning to Canada in 1972 to head the Hospital for Sick Children's Research Institute, a position he continues to hold.

His unique qualifications both as scientist and administrator have made it one of the leading centres for research into children's diseases in the world, the society said.

Co-chairman of the dinner are Dr. Allan Gordon and Daniel Kert. Participation in the chair and in the dinner is open to all interested persons.

For further information, contact the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute, 345 Wilson Ave., Toronto M3H 4W1; (416) 630-0360.

Dr. Aser Rothstein

Vital film to be shown

TORONTO —

Dark Lullabies, a National Film Board's production about the impact of the Holocaust on Jews and Germans born after World War II, will be shown Tuesday, Jan. 21 by the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation at The Studio Theatre at York Quay Centre.

The screening is open to all members of the foundation and their friends. There is no charge for admission.

Following the performance, a reception will be held at which the star, co-producer and co-director Irene Lilienheim Angelico, will be present.

Seen through the eyes of Angelico, a child of concentration camp survivors, the film poses many of the questions that now-adult Jewish and German children continue to grapple with.

The viewing of Dark Lullabies, filmed in Israel, West Germany and Montreal, has been made mandatory in all high school curriculums by the West German government.

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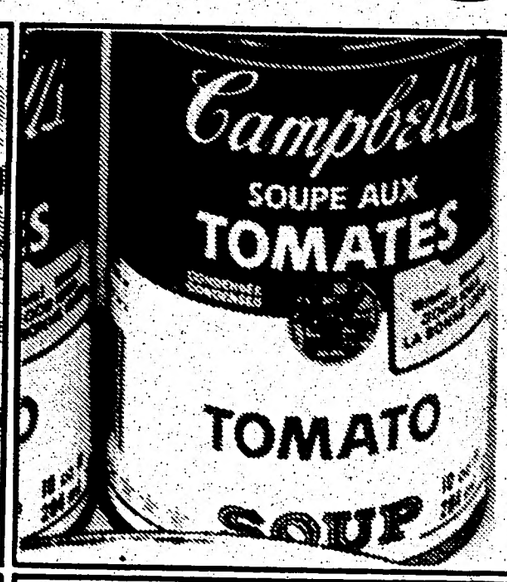

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Organizations and People

Increasing mutual awareness

Plans created for Ashkenazi-Sephardi programs

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

More than a year after its founding, the Sephardi-Ashkenazi Relations Committee, a joint venture of Allied Jewish Community Services, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec, has decided on the direction of its programming.

The three main goals of the committee, as stated in a preliminary report last May, are: 1) to strengthen community cohesiveness between Ashkenazi and Sephardi segments of the Jewish community of Montreal; 2) to bring about greater understanding and mutual appreciation between the two groups; and 3) to identify areas of common concern to both groups and develop communal activities in response to these needs.

The committee, chaired by psychologist Jean-Claude Lasry, an officer of both the CSQ and AJCS, has drawn up plans for four programs for the coming year, involving young members of the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities, as well as persons working in professional and lay capacities in community organizations.

The most ambitious part of the program is a series of lectures and discussions for Sephardim and Ashkenazim aged 25-40, scheduled to begin later this month and continue until June, meeting every two weeks at Cummings House. A part-time coordinator (four afternoons a week), Philippe Elharrar, has been hired at AJCS to look after the young adults program.

The goal is to increase the mutual awareness of the two groups, as well as serve as a leadership training program. Although the young adult series is scheduled to begin the third week of January, the program schedule was still preliminary by the end of December. Registration had not neared the hoped-for 30 to 40 participants either at that point.

Elharrar said some of the topics may include comparisons of Sephardi and Ashkenazi culture, humor, religious practices, experiences during World War II, and attitudes to fund raising.

Other subjects for discussion may be Sephardi-Ashkenazi relations in Israel, experiences as members of a minority or immigrant group, inter-marriage between Sephardim and Ashkenazim, and common issues such as care of the elderly and meeting the needs of single parents.

"The goal is to sensitize young Ashkenazim and Sephardim to each other's differences, to break down stereotypes and to instill an appreciation of the community, in order that they may arrive at a common language," said Elharrar, a 33-year-old community worker.

Elharrar feels this program is different from anything ever attempted before in this vein in that it will provide an opportunity for young Sephardim and Ashkenazim to frankly face each other and compare what exactly may divide them, and more importantly what unites them.

Guest speakers will be brought in and the program will be bilingual.

The Sephardi-Ashkenazi Relations Committee is the latest, and probably the most serious, attempt by the Montreal Jewish community to get a dialogue going between its two major components.

James Dahan, of AJCS's community planning department, who has overall professional responsibility for the program, said the committee's founders do not want to repeat the experience of the past attempts which ended with "nothing really being done."

The committee is made up of three representatives of each of the three sponsoring organizations, as well as members of the community ar large. Since the conclusion of the 1985 Combined Jewish Appeal in November, the committee has been meeting every two weeks. "It's the first time we are starting to talk tachlis," said Dahan.

The second major program will involve two classrooms from two Jewish day schools, Bialik and Maimonide. It is hoped the success AJCS has had over the past few years with the Project d'action rapprochement, a program bringing together Jewish and French-Canadian elementary school students, may be applied within the Jewish community.

Time to work together

Dahan said students from anglophone Bialik (the high school of Jewish People's Schools and Peretz Schools) and francophone Ecole Maimonide will be brought to Cummings House this month and consulted on the type of joint activities they would like to engage in.

The committee, in its discussions with the principals of the respective schools, is thinking along the lines of exchanges between the classrooms for holiday celebrations and Oneg Shabbats, aimed at acquainting the children with each other's traditions. It is hoped the program will later expand to include more classes.

The third program will involve the professional staff of local Jewish agencies; first the directors will begin meeting at the end of January, and later, probably the end of February, the other professional staff. The goal of these programs is to increase awareness of the cultural differences, especially among those coming into contact with clients of different backgrounds than their own.

Also planned, though details have not yet been ironed out, it an exchange between the members of the boards of Ashkenazi and Sephardi organizations.

Dahan said there is a realization among the leaders of AJCS, CJC and CSQ that it is time they began working together and talking openly to each other "instead of waiting for a big confrontation a few years from now."

Bernard Finestone, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, said at the time the committee was formally established in November, 1984, that, "The Sephardim have been living among and beside us, but not as part of us, and that's not healthy. That's not the way a community should be."

High time to butt out, says anti-smoke group

TORONTO —

It's time to butt out for the sake of your health, says the Metro Interagency Council on Smoking and Health as it prepares to launch National Non-Smoking Week with the theme Freedom From Smoke.

The week-long event, from Jan. 16-22, will take place across Canada with special attention in Metro Toronto focused on communities at home, school and at work.

Its objectives are to discourage children from starting to smoke, to encourage those attempting to quit and to support non-smokers in their search for clean air.

It will include a number of school and general interest programs around the city, as well as community Stop Smoking programs.

Stop Smoking programs will take place at Branson Hospital, The Lung Association, Sunnybrook Hospital, the Cancer Society, York County Hospital and York Central Hospital.

According to reports from the Metro Interagency Council, the percentage of non-smokers in Canada has increased to 66%. Despite being in the majority though, non-smokers are still threatened by second hand smoke which can cause damage to their lungs when inhaled, according to the Canadian Cancer Society.

While smoking is still more common among men, female deaths from lung cancer have increased by 152% from 1969 to 1983, according to the Metro Interagency Council, and if the current trend continues, a female lung cancer mortality rate of 35 per 100,000 will soon be reached.

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Treasured by Linder family

Mohel's knife given to Beth Tzedec Museum

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Rev. Wolfe Linder died in Toronto 30 years ago; each of his four children inherited a specific item than reflected their late father's busy life.

One child received a pair of candlesticks, a second a shoichet's (ritual slaughterer's) knife, a third received a tuning fork and the fourth received a pearl-handled mohel's (circumcisor's) knife.

Now, Cec Linder, the eldest of Linder's four children, in conjunction with his brother Saul and sisters Vita and Anna, has presented to the Beth Tzedec Museum the mohel's knife he has treasured these many years.

The occasion is the 30th yahrzeit of Linder's death, and we "thought it would have a more lasting monument to father's life if everyone could see it," Cec, a member of the synagogue, told The CJN.

The knife has been made part of the Beth Tzedec's permanent collection, said Nathan Abramowitz, executive-director of the shul, and could join other thematically similar items as part of the museum's rotating displays.

Performing circumcisions was only one aspect of Linder's many talents, his son Cec, a well-known Canadian actor, said. As the bequests would indicate, his father was "an everyman" — a cantor, composer, poet, shoichet, mohel and, as Linder once put it, " 'I do a little teaching on the side.' "

Born in Brody, Galicia, Linder and his young family emigrated from Poland in 1921 after being sponsored by Beryl Shragge, a relative living in Winnipeg.

A 1925 photograph of his father standing proudly with Winnipeg's Shaarey Zedek choir and some vague memories are Cec's only recollections of those early days. But it was in Winnipeg that his father learned from Rabbi Frankel how to perform the ritual functions of shoichet and mohel, Cec recalls.

Four years after arriving in Winnipeg, the family moved to Melville, Sask., where they spent two years, and from there they made the long trek to Timmins, Ont., where Linder spent 28 years at the B'nai Israel Synagogue before retiring.

Timmins in those days, along with nearby mining communities of Schumacher and South Porcupine, could boast close to 300 Jewish families and three full-time kosher butchers, recalls Rabbi David Monson.

As a young "rabbinic intern," he spent two years under Linder's tutelage, he told The CJN. But Linder was more than just a teacher and model, Monson recalls, "he was like a father to me, a sweetheart of a man."

Rev. Wolfe Linder

Linder's outgoing nature and generosity wasn't reserved only for friends and family, Monson says.

Back in the Depression era, Linder would open his house for some of the Jews who used to come north looking for work and invite them into his home for a meal and a place to sleep — often without giving his wife any notice.

He'd even go out and try to get work for the job-hungry wanderer, Monson says.

Linder was "unique," recalls Monson. "Here was a European Jewish scholar, steeped in Talmud and Jewish lore who was an accredited cattle and poultry shoichet and a very competent mohel. And he had a knack, in those years of anti-semitism, of communicating to create goodwill with Gentiles."

One of the jobs Linder took upon himself in the 30s was performing the functions of the chevra kadisha (the burial society). On one occasion, a Jew working as a lumberjack was killed by a falling tree in the deep bush in the dead of winter.

Linder, with Monson at his side, took the train to the end of the railway line, and from there, wrapped in their thick fur coats, they boarded a waiting dogsled for the last leg of the trip to the logging camp.

They retrieved the body, loaded it onto the sled and raced back to the rail line. There they placed the body in the baggage car and accompanied it all the way back to Timmins, arriving two days after setting out. The body then received a proper Jewish burial.

Both Monson and Cec recall Linder as "a very colorful figure."

The reverend "was quite a jokester," recalls Cec. One of his father's favorite stories centred on his love of the ponies.

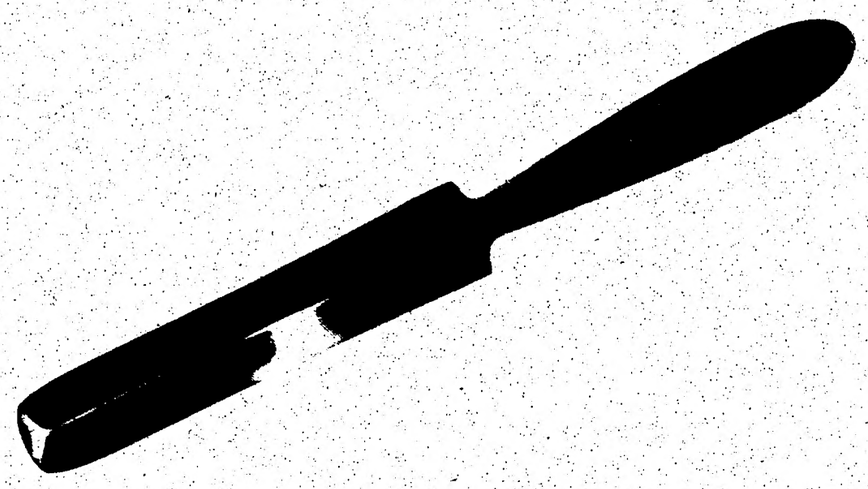
But since "es' passt nicht (it's unbecoming)" for a man of his position to be seen at the racetrack, Linder determined it was necessary to wear a disguise of a dark hat and glasses.

Being careful not to be seen, Linder found a spot where he wouldn't be noticed. As the first race was getting under way, he though he had managed to elude detection, but a voice came over the loudspeaker yelling: "der off."

"Oy! Zey hoben mich derkent (they recognized me)!," he exclaimed.

"An accommodating father, Linder made it easy for his children to remember his yahrzeit," Cec Linder writes. "He died on Rosh Chodesh Shevat," which in 1956, as in 1986, falls on Sat. Jan. 11.

In honor of their father, the Linder children, will also be sponsoring a congregational kiddush at the shul that Saturday.



This circumcision knife was presented to the Beth Tzedec in memory of Rev. Wolfe Linder.

Teacher blames system for apathetic students

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — It is "deplorable" that most Canadian high school students leave school knowing nothing about the political or economic system, says an economics and business teacher at Earl Haig Secondary School in North York.

"Students are so concerened with marks they memorize facts, regurgitate them and then promptly forget them," Stanley Gordon said at a recent breakfast meeting of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood.

Gordon told the meeting that because students depend on their teachers to throw facts at them they never learn how to find their own information. "As a result, when it comes time for them to vote they either vote for a candidate because of the candidate's religion or ethnic group or they don't vote at all."

He added that because they know nothing about our government "they just sit by and don't care who gets elected."

Gordon said that he was shocked at a recent survey he took among 70 high school students to discover that while only two students knew who their MP was, all 70 of them knew that Hulk Hogan was the world wrestling champion. "Students are growing more and more apathetic all the time," Gordon said.

He said one reason for rising apathy among today's students is that the individual has replaced the group as the most important element of society. "They are immersed in their own lives and have no concern for anyone else."

Gordon blames the educational system for producing students who lack fundamental life skills. "Students do not learn to read or write critically and they do not learn to analyze situations. They depend on everyone else to do the thinking for them."

He said that television and radio also add to the rise in apathy. "So many people sit in front of the television and expect to be entertained. . . . They sit there and let the whole world pass them by."

He said that only 10% of his students read a newspaper and as a result get all their news in 3- or 5-minute segments on television. "They get no depth news at all," he commented.

Gordon said that to curb the rise in apathy among today's youth, they must learn the notion of collective spirit. "They have to learn that the individual is not all that important."

He added that "compulsory military training or community service for a couple years after high school would do wonders."

Gordon said that it is "imperative" that every student should have at least a fundamental understanding of the political system. "They must learn to analyze what politicians are really saying and they must learn to use their vote intelligently."

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Organizations and People

"They are a people of faith, hope"

Beliveau awestruck by accomplishments of Jews

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Being, as he called it, "the only Goy" traveling with the Canadian team to Israel last summer for the Maccabiah Games only served to strengthen Jean Beliveau's close kinship to the Jewish state and its people.

Speaking recently at a dinner given in his honor by Maccabi Canada in support of State of Israel Bonds, the Montreal Canadiens hockey legend told 250 guests at the Ritz Carlton Hotel that, as a Christian, he never felt closer to the land of his own spiritual heritage.

Beliveau, who played 18 seasons with the Canadiens and is regarded as one of hockey's greatest all-round players, said he was "awe-struck by the accomplishments, creativity and energy of the Jewish people."

Watching the Canadian team perform at the Games only helped to reinforce this impression, he said.

"I'm not a historian," he said, "but as a hockey player I learned how to survive.

"The Jews have survived because first, they are a people of faith, and second, they are a people of hope . . In their darkest hours, Jews have learned to survive one more day."

Beliveau, now 54 and senior vice-president of corporate affairs with the Canadiens, said that there are two words every non-Jew should know.

"The first is 'shema' — listen. Know what is in your brother's heart. The second is 'hatikvah' — hope. Each of us, like the Maccabees who refused to give up their freedom (the dinner took place during Chanukah), has to be a torchbearer of hope and freedom."

Guest speaker Otto Jelinek, minister of state for amatuer sport and fitness, praised Beliveau and the Maccabi sports movement for their role in promoting the ideals of sportsmanship, brotherhood, respect for others and community involvement.

A former professional skater himself with his sister Maria, Jelinek said that sport is one of the few areas of life that "transcends the boundaries between nations.

"That is why the Maccabi philosophy is so important," he said. "Jean and Maccabi Canada help to inspire youth all over the world. And there is no more important commitment than our youth."

Jelinek recalled that it was the father of Fred Oberlander, a founder of Maccabi Canada, who helped him and his family adjust to life in Canada as refugees from Czechoslovakia.

He also gave kudos to Beliveau for "exemplifying the spirit of sportsmanship outside the rink," and to Israel for its third-place standing at the Maccabiah Games and its movement's 75-year history of fostering the Jewish national heritage, culture, and identity.

"People around the world continue to support Israel in its struggle towards the betterment of human rights and a fair society," he said.

Jelinek drew an enthusiastic round of applause after he announced that the Canadian government had declared Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Jewish lives during the Second World War, an honorary citizen of Canada.

Beliveau garnered words of praise from several of the head table guests.

Dinner chairman Edward Bronfman described Beliveau as unassuming and modest, a role model for all athletes.

Israel Bonds Montreal general chairman Norman Spector, a friend of Beliveau's for years, called him a man of vision, talent, energy and benevolence.

Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Beth Zion Congregation described Beliveau as "a true star, standing out and above, but giving light, hope and direction to those below."

The evening was highlighted by an honor guard of children dressed in Canadiens colors with No. 4 and the name Beliveau emblazoned on the sweaters' backs and hockey sticks raised criss-crossed to herald Beliveau's entrance.

Beliveau was presented with a Jerusalem medallion, and a film tracing the history of the Maccabiah Games was also presented.

Among the guests were many of Montreal's Jewish and non-Jewish sports personalities, including the top executive of Maccabi Canada and luminaries from Montreal's professional hockey, baseball and football clubs.

Beth Zion Congregation's Rabbi Sidney Shoham (left) presents Jean Beliveau with a Jerusalem medalion.

Shomrim Laboker's Miriam Denburg instructs 9-year-old Ruth in the rudiments of the Hebrew language.

Ethiopians learn Hebrew, adopt names

MONTREAL — At Congregation Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehudah-Shaare Tefillah, Ethiopian immigrants are learning the aleph-bet under the tutelage of Miriam Denburg.

Denburg, director of the synagogue's adult education program, said the Ethiopians, children and adults, have been coming to Hebrew conversation class once a week since the High Holidays.

Several had been praying at the Shomrim Laboker and had expressed an interest in learning how to speak Hebrew, and not only how to daven, said Denburg.

They had no knowledge of the language, although their native tongue, Amharic, bears some resemblance to Hebrew, said Denburg, a long-time Jewish studies teacher.

About 30 Ethiopians, almost the entire local community, have participated in the classes and they are model students, according to Denburg. All have adopted Hebrew names.

"They have open minds, and can grasp things easily," she said. "When they come across words like Moshe and Baruch which they know, they are very excited. Every time they learn something they are joyful."

Some have relatives in Israel with whom they would like to communicate. Others want to be able to read the Siddur and follow the prayers. They all want to identify as Jews at all levels, which includes the knowledge of Hebrew, after having been isolated from the Jewish world for so long, said Denburg.

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Organizations and People

Entire community feels at home at services

Shaar Hashomayim celebrates its proud 140th

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Congregation Shaar Hashomayim is in a number of ways a contradiction.

It is affiliated with the Conservative movement, but has an Orthodox charter. It has a woman president (Milly Lande), but in accordance with traditional separate seating she cannot take her place on the bima.

It is big enough to require an executive director (Morrie Klians) with an MBA to run it, taking up nearly a whole city block in Westmount and employing 100 persons, yet the Shaar is very much a family synagogue.

Although it has always been the spiritual home of many, if not most, of the Montreal Jewish community's wealthiest and most prominent members, a comparison of its membership fees with other large synagogues shows it is not the most expensive to join.

This year, the Shaar Hashomayim celebrates its 140th anniversary. The congregation is the second oldest in Canada, after the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue (Shearith Israel), also of Montreal. It is, however, the oldest Ashkenazi congregation in the country, and in North America, with the exception of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York City.

The Shaar Hashomayim was originally called the Corporation of English, German and Polish Jews, a reflection of the composition of the second major wave of Jewish immigration to America.

Another anniversary is being commemorated this year at the Shaar, the 40th anniversary in the pulpit of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, one of the few Montreal-born rabbis serving in Montreal.

"From the social or sociological point of view, Shaar Hashomayim is something of a maverick — an exception which proves the rule," Shuchat once wrote. "Any student of American Jewish history will observe that in every community of major size in North America, that the congregation to which the socially prominent or decision-making or leadership calibre Jews were attracted was invariably the Reform temple." Not so in Montreal.

Up until the halfway point of this century, at least, all the national presidents of Canadian Jewish Congress, the vast majority of leaders of Allied Jewish Community Services and other local and national fund raising organizations, have come from the Shaar Hashomayim.

"This is all the more interesting when one considers that the Shaar Hashomayim has been not only non-Reform, but highly traditional, sometimes very strictly so, in its worship, its kashrut standards, its educational policy and its membership criteria."

According to Shuchat, there are three main reasons for this phenomenon, history, personalities and ideology — in that order.

Unlike the United States, German Jews never came to Canada in the same massive numbers nor did they have the same financial influence; thus Reform Judaism did not take root here the way it did south of the border. (About a generation later, some German Jews left the Shaar Hashomayim to form Temple Emanu-El, a Reform congregation.)

The Shaar Hashomayim was fortunate enough to rally a succession of unusual lay leaders to see it through some challenging early years. "They were socially prominent, Jewishly learned and had astonishingly strong Jewish commitments." Among the best known was the Moss family, a leading name in the business life of Montreal during that era.

One of the turning points in the history of the Montreal Jewish community, according to Shuchat, occurred when the Moss family, British Jews of Ashkenazi origin — en masse — left the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue to join the Shaar Hashomayim.

Members of the family laid the cornerstone of the first Shaar Hashomayim building on St. Constant St. (now de Bullion St.) in 1859. A member of the second generation of the family, Jonathan Moss, was the president when the congregation moved to its second structure, on McGill College Ave., in 1882. (That building was eventually demolished to make way for the CNR tunnel.)

When the entire Moss family returned to England, it left a serious vacuum in the congregation's leadership. A generation later, Lazarus Cohen and then his son Lyon, who spearheaded the drive to construct a new home for the Shaar Hashomayim on its present site in Westmount, continued the congregation's tradition of producing outstanding leaders.

The fact that Lyon was president of the Jewish Community Council of Montreal (the kashruth supervisory organization), Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Colonization Association, helped bring his congregation into the forefront of Canadian Jewish life by the turn of the century.

The charter and the bylaws of the congregation contain an unusual anomaly. The charter maintains that religious services are to be conducted in the manner of Orthodox Judaism. The bylaws state that the congregation may be affiliated with United Synagogue of America, which is Conservative.

"This paradox has caused much grief to many generations of leaders who struggle with the interpretation of their congregational identity. It has caused endless anguish to all our national affiliates and to many international bodies who find it difficult to deal with the complexities and would prefer a yes or no answer to the questions: Are you Orthodox or Conservative? What are you?"

The ideological peculiarity of the Shaar has allowed the entire community to feel at home at its services, even the most Orthodox, while the more liberal have been attracted by such innovations as English sermons, the music and continuous commentaries to the service, as well as the platform its programs give to diverse points of view on theological questions.

The founders also brought with them much of the decorum of the Sephardi rite from their earlier association with the Spanish and Portuguese to the Shaar Hashomayim's services.

This union of diverse elements has been one of the congregation's greatest strengths, believes Shuchat, who is now ably assisted by an assistant rabbi, Allan Nadler, also a Montreal native.

Today, the Shaar Hashomayim, with 1,600 member families is still the largest congregation in Montreal and second largest in Canada, after Toronto's Beth Tzedec. Some members have left over the past tumultuous decade, but membership has been stable with the influx of younger families into the area.

The current synagogue building, situated on Cote St. Antoine Rd. and Kensington Ave., opened in 1922. The Rabbi Herman Abramowitz school building was erected in 1948. In 1967, the synagogue further expanded its facilities to seat 2,000 in the majestic sanctuary.

The synagogue can also boast two banquet halls that can accommodate a total of 1,000 persons, massive kosher kitchens, a chapel for about 300, a library-museum holding 10,000 books, 30 Sefer Torahs and a rose garden which is converted into a congregational succah during Sucot.

Both afternoon and evening services are held daily. Its afternoon school is one of the few still going strong in Montreal. Several endowed lectureships bring internationally known personalities to the Shaar throughout the year.

A recent innovation was full computerization, unique among local synagogues, storing everything from accounts to membership files to cemetery information.

Two main commemorative events are planned for the year: special tours for members of the Precious Legacy exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in the spring, and a concert in the sanctuary before the High Holidays.

Three federations to divest

NEW YORK (JTA) —
Three Jewish federations — Boston, New York and Rhode Island — have decided to divest themselves of holdings in American companies operating in South Africa which are not committed in principle and practice to the equality of non-white workers with their white employees.

Equal treatment for non-white employees in South Africa is the basis of the Sullivan Principles, a voluntary code of conduct formulated in 1977 by Philadelphia minister Leon Sullivan.

The principles call for equal pay for non-whites, desegragation of the workplace and the improvement of the quality of life for non-whites outside it. American companies which are signatories to the principles are evaluated annually for compliance with them, and for progress toward their goals, by the Arthur D. Little Company.

The Jewish Advocate of Boston, in a front-page story by Lawrence Harmon, reported that the Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) of Greater Boston — together with Beth Israel Hospital and Temple Israel — voted Nov. 26 to divest themselves within a year of securities in American companies which are non-signatories of the Sullivan Principles, or which received low scores from the independent evaluation by the Little Company.

The decision also directed the three institutions to make future investments in accordance with these guidelines.

The combined total of the investment portfolios of the three institutions is $75 million, of which approximately $3 million — about 4% for each — is invested in six companies which received inadequate ratings for compliance with the Sullivan Principles.

The institutions declined to make known the names of the companies.

Although each institution maintains independent investment portfolios, a joint board of managers oversees investment practices for all three, according to the Advocate article.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies (FJP) of New York announced the decision by its board of trustees to have the FJP divest itself of holdings in American companies which do not subscribe to the Sullivan Principles and to refrain from future investments in such companies.

The New York Federation has investment totaling $11 million in approximately 30 American companies operating in South Africa out of a total portfolio of approximately $60 million, William Kahn, its executive vice-president, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Kahn declined to make available the names of the companies involved other than to say that some were "blue-chip" corporations.

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island adopted a resolution June 6 endorsing the concept of divestment from holdings in companies which do not adhere to anti-apartheid standards such as the Sullivan Principles. The federation has since that time divested itself of "a few stocks," said executive vice-president Elliot Cohan.

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Yiddish Theatre will tour shuls

MONTREAL —
The Yiddish Theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre will tour Montreal synagogues Jan. 11 and Feb. 16 with a musical comedy version in Yiddish and English of The Megilla, based on the ancient biblical tale of Esther, the Jewish heroine who, because of her great charm, beauty and wit, was chosen over thousands to become the queen of Persia.

The Megilla, written in 1936 by the late celebrated Yiddish poet Itzik Manger, is a modern adaptation of Esther's struggle to save persecuted Jews.

The Megilla, which was a success with Israeli and Broadway audiences, is written with a radically different focus than its original. "The old tales told the story from the point of view of the nobility, "Manger once said." My story brings out the supposedly less important characters, such as the simple working-class tailor, whose tale begs to be heard."

Yiddish Theatre artistic director Dora Wasserman, known for her personal touch on the plays she adapts for her Montreal, Toronto, New York and Israeli audiences, has scaled Manger's production down somewhat to make it a more intimate theatre experience.

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Cult Project becomes national resource centre

MONTREAL —

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"I am indebted to many people for their efforts in getting me out of the cult and back on my feet. I realize now that without them I could very possibly still be in the cult — a thought that still makes me uneasy. I was very fortunate to be in only four months; many others, some of them dear friends, were not so fortunate."

These letters, the first from a parent of an ex-cult member and the second by a former member, are typical of those received by the Cult Project, a non-profit, non-denominational education and resource centre, which has operated out of the Hillel Students' Society, 3460 Stanley St., for the past five years.

The Cult Project was founded in April, 1980. During the latter part of 1978 and into the following year, there was a notable increase in cult activity on campus and in the community at large, said director Mike Kropveld, in explaining how the project began.

The Cult Project was intended to primarily address the needs of the anglophone community, but it has evolved into a national resource centre, serving the public in both English and French.

The project's main objectives are to prevent young people from falling victim to cults by preparing them to anticipate the techniques and practice of cult recruitment; to make parents and community institutions aware of the ramifications of membership in cults; and to expose to the public in general cults' duplicity in solicitation or indoctrination and the damaging influence of cultism on society at large.

"For the past five years, the Cult Project has been at the forefront of the public awareness campaign on the issue of cultism in Canada," said Kropveld. "To date, it hold Canada's largest and most diverse repository of information and resource material on this issue.

"The majority of media coverage and investigation of 'personal growth' and para-religious movements in the country emanates directly or indirectly from the Cult Project in Montreal," Kropveld said.

Among its accomplishments he lists the development of a course for secondary schools and CEGEPs entitled Coping with Cults, which won the William Haber Award presented by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission in Washington, DC, for the preventive educational nature of the course; and consultations to the Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and Vermont governments on child abuse and neglect in cults.

In addition, the Cult Project provides numerous ongoing public education programs, family and individual counseling, and consumer protection services.

Kropveld, a former Moonies member, is the program's sole full-time director. He is assisted by a handful of dedicated volunteers.

Honorary patrons of the Cult Project include Mount Royal member of Parliament Sheila Finestone; Victor Goldbloom, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; Carl Laxer, president of Allied Jewish Community Services; and honorary legal counsel, Jonathan Feldman.

"There remains a long road and considerable workload ahead in order for us to realize our goal in meeting the public's need for comprehensive preventive education in this area.

"The achievement of these goals will require the ongoing update and acquisition of resource and promotional material, the hiring of research assistants, translators to provide bilingual information to the public and financing for animation programs."

The Cult Project relies on private and public donations. It is currently conducting a public fund raising campaign. For more information, call Kropveld, 845-9171.

Monson's sermon opens Ont. courts

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The office of judge "calls for morality, justice and compassion; these three qualities are the foundation of society."

With those instructive words, Rabbi David Monson concluded his remarks at the 1986 opening of the Ontario courts of justice recently.

"The biblical maxim 'Righteousness exalteth a nation' reflects the highest concept of moral law, which must be the code of conduct, guide and inspiration of mankind," he told more than 100 Supreme, Divisional and Provincial Court judges and onlookers gathered at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Monson's sermon, the first by a rabbi at the annual services of the judges, focused on the approach to law in the Jewish tradition, noting "the Bible does not draw a distinction between law and morals."

The 10th commandment of the Decalogue, " 'thou shalt not covet,' penetrates to the root of all unholy and evil actions — the instincts and impulses of predatory desire, which are the spring of nearly every sin against a neighbor," he said.

Quoting the Midrash, he said: " 'Thus spake the Holy One, blessed be He, to the angels: If I create the world by mercy alone, sin will abound; if by justice alone, how can the world endure? I will create it by both.' "

Monson's sermon was the first by a rabbi at the annual court opening ceremonies, according to Supreme Court Justice John Morden, the judicial representative on the committee which planned the event. Nineteen-eighty-six also marks the first time the opening was held as an interfaith service, he added.

In previous years, clergymen from various denominations delivered the sermon, he added, noting recent presentations by Baptist and Presbyterian ministers.

He said the hope of the ad hoc, informal committee — which consists of members of the Law Society, clergymen, a judicial representative and spokesmen for lawyers' groups — is that Jewish representatives will participate in future committee activities.

Charles and Clara Balinksy (left) hosted a lecture at their home on Ethiopian Jewry given by Rabbi Nahum Cohen, director of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Hofim Absorption Centre for Ethiopian students.

Young Ethiopians strive to adapt to new home

MONTREAL —

Rabbi Nahum Cohen, director of the Hofim Absorption Centre in Acco, has seen many waves of child immigrants to Israel in his 33-year association with Youth Aliyah, but he has never seen any like the young Ethiopians now under the centre's care.

Their determination to learn and adapt to their new home is remarkable, said Cohen, who was in Montreal recently to address members of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, the sponsors of the Hofim Absorption Centre.

The worst discipline problem encountered at the centre has been finding the children with their lights still on at night when they should be off, because they want to study. "I wish all my discipline problems over the years had been like that," said Cohen.

The young Ethiopians are not only bright and motivated, according to Cohen, but have a strong sense of honor. Since the centre opened in July, 1984, specifically to accommodate the Ethiopian refugee children, there has not been one incident of theft.

"One girl accused another of stealing some money, but when it was found that she had only misplaced it, she was forced to apologize to each girl in her unit, or face being thrown out by the other girls."

The Hofim Absorption Centre is the first stage in the absorption of Ethiopian children, mostly between 11 and 17 years old, who have arrived in Israel without their families, either because they are stranded in Africa or are dead. Some are under 11, a few as young as 4 who have been received by the centre. They are able to write to their families still in Ethiopia.

Thus far, the centre, which deals only with Ethiopians, has processed 450 children, with about 200 children living at Hofim at anyone time. Average length of stay is between six months and one year.

At the centre, the children are put on their feet physically and emotionally, educated sufficiently to allow them to enter the mainstream Youth Aliyah schools afterward. Within three months, most of the Ethiopians are able to get along in Hebrew, said Cohen. At the end of a year, they "speak like natives."

Many of the children have come to Hofim in poor health. Ninety-two were hospitalized. Not so easy to treat is the psychological scars they carry, according to Cohen. "These children have endured robberies, jailings, sexual violations and seen sickness and death. It has left a traumatic impression," said Cohen.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the Ethiopians are not very expressive. Cohen fears they may be bottling up negative emotions which may emerged as a delayed reaction some day when they are not caught up with the absorption process.

Despite their motivation, Cohen believes, it will be a generation before the Ethiopians are fully integrated into Israel. The centre offers follow-up psychological counseling after the children leave.

The Hofim Absorption Centre is big enough to form a small village. In addition to the 200 students, there are 55 staff members who live around the clock at the centre, plus another 23 teachers who work during the day. On the site is a school, clinic, dining hall and dormitories, surrounded by large well-kept grounds.

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Esprit's collection adapts to the climate

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The collection, made of high quality fabrics and designed to fit together like Lego building blocks, is perfect for the changeable Canadian climate because it easily gets around the question of "what's the weather going to do today?" Colder? Just pile on a few more layers. Warmer? De-layer.

Esprit reflects a lifestyle and an attitude that spans all ages and is the only brand of merchandise carried by Debbie Dyck at her three Moving Forward stores.

"Esprit makes it easy. Not only are the clothes right in line with my thinking, but we aren't out shopping for the best from everyone's line.

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"To sum up our philosophy, our goal is to provide the very best service any way we can in stores that will be fun. Stores you'll want to shop in whether you're 16 or 60.

"We can do that with Esprit because the appeal, as well as the styling, is so broad."

Esprit features color coordinated stories.

Within one color story there'll be several pants and skirts, even more tops, as well as shoes and accessories.

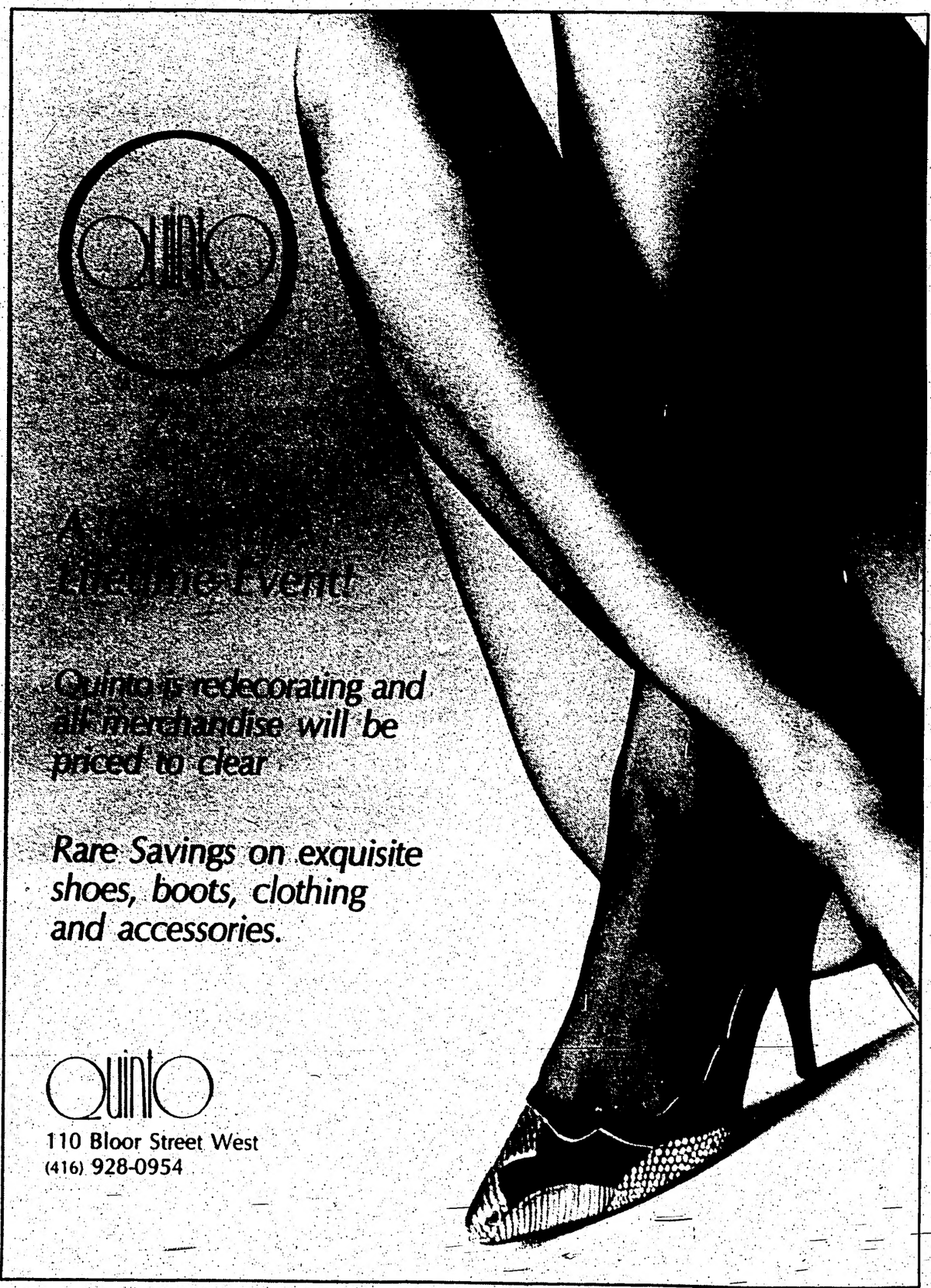
All components within one color story will be displayed together . . . not separated into pants, tops, shoes accessories scattered around the store.

Shoes and accessories, in fact all items, are carefully dyed to match or coordinate. Combinations are bold . . . exciting.

Moving Forward stores are located in the Eaton Centre, 82 Bloor W. and Sherway Gardens.

Cotton corduroy never looked better than in this slim-legged stirrup pant, ($59). Following the skinny bottom/big top plan, the giant jacket is 100% pink cotton with rib knit inserts, a warm double funnel collar, a zip front with an elasticized bottom band and a quilted lining ($184). Add a nordic-patterned jacquard sweater ($69) and the 100% cotton oversize shirt ($56). The finishing touches: an enormous, soft scarf, ($17); lambswool gloves, ($12); check socks, ($14); and woven leather huarache flats, ($63). All Esprit from Moving Forward.

Very skinny-legged pants in 100% yellow cotton, ($50), are topped by a fan-patterned shirt in rayon, ($54), a tweed shaker stitch oversized classic cardigan, ($80). Check socks ($14), worn with huarache flats ($69). Gloves are wool, ($9). All Esprit from Moving Forward.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From Jag's Rendezvous line a black knit yoke pullover with a white Claudia 5-pocket jean. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Jag offers 75 styles in sportswear lines

By
LORI SMITH

Jumpsuits, above the knee skirts and corduroy stirrup pants are just a part of the fashion-oriented sportswear by Jag that is available this winter.

Elie Malka, owner of Elie Malka Sales Agency, the firm that represents Jag sportswear in Toronto, says that for winter the Los Angeles-based Jag created a number of programs including a terry and fleece collection and small denim and tapestry line.

"The fleece-terry line is very strong because they are not only exercise clothes any more."

He says that the lines feature a number of fashion points including dropped shoulders, oversized shirts and tapestry. And the major colors are light pink, coral, agua, light green, yellow and white.

The denim and tapestry line includes a jumpsuit with trim, a shirt, a skirt and different styled jeans including a 5-pocket western style.

Jag, a leader in creating fashion sportswear since the company was formed in 1970 in Australia, was the first to show faded denim and patchwork in the early 1970s.

He says that the line is designed for women between 20 and 50 and in each grouping there are 65 to 75 different styles.

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A celebration for Studio 267

A synergy of textures from the Giorgio Armani collection. Deep button placement comfortably relates to Armani's generous silhouette shown here in cool wool crepe weave. Long point collared shirt in 100% cotton with dobbie surface. Asymmetric patterned silk blend tie. Suit $600. Shirt $70. Tie $45. Available at Studio 267.

Exclusive to Studio 267 — In house designer Cosmo presents a linen crew neck sweater crafted in Italy. The zig zag geometric design is accented by his pure silk scarf in coordinating tones. Soft leather blouson, by Robert Comstock. Linen blend muted check pant, made in Spain. Sweater $115. Pant $90. Blouson $495.

It takes time, but men's styles follow women's

By
LORI SMITH

Studio 267 celebrated its 25th anniversary and the opening of its new store in the First Canadian Place with a gala champagne reception and an informal show of men's fashions for winter, cruise and spring.

Before the show Julia Spasor, one of Studio 267's two buyers, explained that much of what happens in women's fashion will evolve in men's wear a season or two later.

For example, pink is no longer a solely feminine color, men will wear it in shirts or other accessories.

The clothes presented in the show proved her point. Even the relatively conservative clothes available in the new store were influenced by fashion.

A short list of some of the styles presented includes corduroy and tweed trousers with cuffs and pleats, single-breasted or double-breasted black tuxedos with paisley cumberbunds, large sweaters with dropped shoulders done in geometric patterns in colors including wine, teal, loden green and steel blue, and cruise wear that featured not only white, but cherry red, royal blue and bright yellow.

Winter coats and jackets and spring overcoats had new style points such as deeper arm holes incorporated into classics like the trench coat. And hats seem to be playing a bigger role. Fedoras, baseball hats and tweed hats were shown.

Suits were single breasted or double breasted, with vents or without vents. Ties ranged from a conservative print to a black, white, purple, green and blue patterned retro fabric tie.

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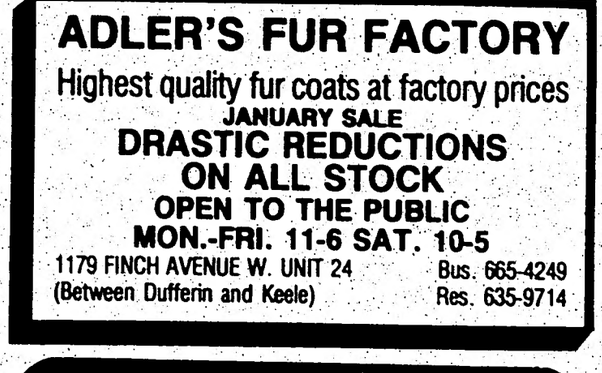
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Color, comfort are the keys to women's apparel

One of the many styles available from Gaytown-Courageous.

By
LORI SMITH

Bright colors and comfortable, easy fits are the most distinctive characteristics of ladies clothing today.

According to Marlene Storey, fashion co-ordinator and stylist for Gaytown Sportswear — Courageous, the major changes that have occurred in her lines and in fashion in general are in color and comfort.

She explains that in Gaytown, a basic, misses line of skirts and jackets for the professional woman, there has been a move from basic colors such as navy, camel and brown to fuchsia, gold, electric blue and jade.

"A few years ago you couldn't give away jade green, but now customers have adopted it and other brights in a big way.

Gaytown features wool worsted program

They're not drab. They are alive. They do something for a person's personality. They can make her smile."

Storey says that while the European designers are now starting to show drab colors such as beige and taupe, bright colors will remain popular with the consumer.

In terms of fit, clothing is now much less constricting: jackets are oversized, arm holes are deeper, skirts are longer and pant legs are tapered.

And she adds that those styles' points help adapt fashion clothes into larger sizes.

"Every woman can wear them. For example, a woman who is overweight can put on an oversized jacket and look great."

Gaytown and Courageous, a more contemporary line of clothes for the professional woman, come in sizes 5-6 to 19-20. Part of the collection is available in petites.

This winter, the Gaytown collection features a wool worsted program of jackets, skirts and pants. They come in' bottle green, wedgewood blue, red, navy, black, taupe and winter white, which was the most popular color.

These solids are complimented with nine tartans, including a black watch with yellow, red and blue overtones.

The Courageous collection includes a knit program that is appropriate for office or weekend wear and some fancier items such as a black and white checked group.

"The knits are available in winter white only and the other styles are in royal blue, oatmeal and other colors."

A small group of slouchy melton jackets are available in taupe, red, royal blue and winter white.

The Courageous holiday collection includes tapestry jackets and brocades.

Gaytown and Courageous sportswear is available at Eaton's, The Bay, Simpson's, Towne and Country, Holly's, Lipton's and better specialty stores.

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Couple wants to postpone wedding

By
EVELYN HOFFMAN &
MYRA FELDMAN

Q. — We are planning to get married in June and have set the date and booked the synagogue. We now find we would be more financially secure if we postponed the wedding for six months. My parents are very upset and say it is bad luck. What do you say?

A. — Although widespread superstition holds that it is bad luck to postpone a wedding, there is absolutely nothing in Jewish law to support this.

It is traditional Jewish belief that once a date is set it is sanctified by God and thus should not be changed. However, there are several exceptions to this rule, i.e. the date can be advanced, or if certain emergency conditions such as death or serious illness arise, the wedding date may be postponed.

Whether financial reasons constitutes an emergency or not, is a question you should discuss with your Rabbi.

Q. — My parents can only afford a small wedding. My future in-laws are very unhappy. They have a large circle of family and friends. What do you advise?

A. — Your future in-laws can still have their family and friends celebrate with them even if they cannot all be at the wedding.

They can host a large engagement party, or a post honeymoon reception, or if you are planning sheyva brochas (seven days of celebrations and feasting the week following the wedding) this would be the right time to invite all those who you could not invite to the wedding.

Try to compromise without being compromised.

Q. — My son is getting married. I am a widow and I don't know who I should ask to accompany me and my son to the chupah.

A. — Your first choice should be a brother of your late husband. If your late husband did not have a brother or you do not feel comfortable with this choice, a good second and third choice would be a grandfather or a brother of the groom.

If none of these apply, give this honor to any male relative or very good friend that you and your son, the groom, feel should have this honor.

Q. — My question concerns the inclusion of a deceased parent's name on the invitation.

We are having the invitation printed only in English, and you said in your last column that the deceased names are always included in the Hebrew text, and only the living parents in the English text.

I am the groom and my father is deceased, but I want his name on the invitation. Is this not done?

A. — The answer to this question in the last issue was edited, probably because of space. We did say it is done, and we endorse it. By all means have your late father's name on the invitation. If you require any assistance with the format of this invitation, we will be happy to help you.

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Editor's note: — Evelyn Hoffman and Myra Feldman, are wedding consultants and coordinators, and will answer questions regarding Jewish weddings, in which they specialize. If you have a question, write them c/o The CJN or call Evelyn at (416) 638-2803 or Myra at (416) 781-2526.

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creamy soups, light and colorful casseroles, crunchy salads and low calorie appetizers. Or cook them on their own by stir-frying, steaming or microwaving until tender-crisp.

The following recipe, developed by Foodland Ontario, highlights Ontario potatoes at their dressed-up best.

HERBED POTATOES IN CREAM

2 cups light cream
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tbsps. butter
2 tsps. dried chives
1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. white pepper
¼ tsp. marjoram leaves
6 medium Ontario potatoes

In large frying pan, combine cream, garlic, butter, chives, parsley flakes, salt, pepper and marjoram.

Peel potatoes and cut in julienne strips. (Keep in cold water to prevent browning; drain well). Add to fring pan and heat to boiling.

Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, about 25 minutes or until potatoes are cooked and sauce is thickened. Makes 6 servings.

Preparation time: 10 minutes; cooking time: 30 minutes.

Guardians of good health

Maximum value for the food dollar is ensured when menus are planned around winter vegetables such as potatoes, carrots, cabbage, onions, beets, mushrooms, parsnips, rutabaga and squash.

And — the importance of vegetables as guardians of good health has always been recognized. Winter vegetables are good source of vitamins A and C as well as B vitamins, minerals and fibre.

Why not experiment with new and interesting ways to enjoy Ontario winter vegetables. Try them in elegant

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Winter's icy conditions lead to painful sprains

By
BARRY PHILLIPS
President, Ontario
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With the season for winter sports and icy sidewalks here, we can expect to see an increase in slips, falls and other activities which can lead to painful and inconvenient sprains.

Even if many of us try to function in spite of them, sprains can lead to chronic weakness of a joint or even permanent reduction of mobility if not treated properly.

Sprains are a painful stretching or tearing of a ligament anywhere in the body. Ankles and wrists are the most likely joints to be affected, but it's also possible to sprain a toe, knee, shoulder or even a rib.

"Whiplash" is a strain of the neck ligaments and the most common type of back strain is caused by lifting heavy objects improperly.

Sprains, for the most part, are preventable. It's easy, for example, to be aware of and avoid the hazards of sports such as skiing, women's shoes which are fashionable but provide little support, and dimly-lit or toy-littered stairs at home. Elderly persons should take special care when faced with snow or ice-covered sidewalks and roads.

If you do receive a sprain, get prompt medical attention and follow your doctor's advice about treatment and rest. Your pharmacist can help if you have any questions about medication your doctor may prescribe. He or she can also give advice should you need tensor or support bandages.

Even though a strain isn't as bad as a broken bone, you should treat it the same way. Make sure the injured ligament is rested and given enough time to heal. As long as a ligament hurts it shouldn't be forced to bear its normal load. If you try to come back too soon from a sprain, it could turn into a chronically painful condition.

• *Barry Phillips is a Shoppers Drug Mart community pharmacist.*

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Lifestyle

Take these steps to make sure of safe vacation

Are you headed for Florida this winter? Mexico? Hawaii? Many Canadians are.

Police agencies and crime prevention experts across the country say that while they cannot assure travelers of a good vacation, they do have tips on how more of them can have a happy homecoming.

Vacationers can relax without worrying about what may be happening back home if they heed the following suggestions:

• Remember all the basic crime prevention tips you already know about, but may overlook in the excitement of going away: be sure the doors and windows and sliding doors are properly secured. Change locks if keys have been lost or stolen.

• Check with your insurance agent with regard to home checks while your house is unoccupied. You may not be covered if your home has not been visited while you are away on vacation.

• Whether you are going away for just a day or two, or for a longer period, use automatic timers to turn lights and radios on and off and give your house an occupied appearance.

• Leave a door key with a trusted neighbor, as well as a key to the burglar alarm system if you have one.

• Ask police for the free loan of an electric engraving pencil or buy one at your local hardware store, and mark your valuables and movable property with your driver's licence or social insurance number so they can be easily identified.

• Notify your neighbor about how long you expect to be away and tell them about any people who may be visiting your house while you are away.

• Have a neighbor pick up the mail, newspapers and the advertising flyers which inevitably pile up even in a few days.

• Arrange to have your snow shoveled. Then you won't even have to think snow while you are away.

• Consider a house sitter.

Give boots a face lift.

Scruffy, scuffy boots can look like new again

Chances are your last year's winter boots are looking very sad right now — dirty, salt stained, scuffed and maybe out of shape!

Well, do not despair ... you may not have to rush out and buy a new pair... and at today's prices, that is GOOD NEWS!!! Shoe stores and shoe repair shops sell a variety of boot repair products that can make your boots look like new again. Ask their professional assistance with your particular boot problem.

Here are a few helpful suggestions.

To neutralize the salt stains on leather or suede boots wash several times with salt stain remover. It may be necessary to do this several times. However, if white marks remain, the salt has removed the dye from the boot and a repair job will be necessary.

Scuffs, scratches and salt stains can be repaired. For leather boots, refinish with scuf pak, a heavily pigmented wax designed to cover scuffs and stains. Use the enclosed sponge to work the pigmented wax into the leather. Buff and repeat as often as is necessary to color scuff or stain.

Suede boots can be restored by spraying with Suede renew.

Add life to shiny smooth leather boots with polish. You have a choice of cream or wax. Both come in most fashion colors. Creams nourish leather while giving color and shine. Waxes give a certain amount of protection while giving color and shine.

Apply creams and waxes sparingly — it is better to give several light applications than one heavy coat.

The secret to a great shine is in the buffing. Use a good polishing cloth and lots of elbow grease.

Fore more information on the care of leather, contact Del Foxton, Tana Canada Inc., 8505 Dalton Rd., Montreal, Que. H4T 1V5.

Save your energy grocery shopping

By FERN LEBO

There is no doubt that some people consider shopping for groceries a sort of adventure. Discovering a clever little deli or a chic new bakery adds pleasure to what others maintain is a dreary chore.

Then there are the frail and the elderly, for whom even the contemplation of grocery shopping is exhausting.

For anyone with a problem that limits mobility, endurance, or strength, the solution is to learn conservation techniques. That means using those methods which cost you less energy to get the job done. Some techniques are simple. Some are simply good sense. But all are energy savers.

•Never lift or carry heavy parcels. Use the carry out service.

• Phone and have your canned goods and heavy items delivered.

• Use a bundle buggy for shopping you cannot do by phone. Buy only as much as it will hold on each trip.

• If you must carry a bag, hold it with both hands, close to your belt.

• Dividing your load into two small bags with handles requires even less energy to manage.

• Try to get a friend, a neighbor, or a volunteer friendly visitor to help you with your heavy shopping.

• Shop during "slow" periods if possible. It saves waiting in lines.

• Sit down and rest before you feel exhausted.

• Ask for assistance when you need it.

Potatoes don't have to be dull

There's an old saying: "Baked potatoes are very formal — they always wear their jackets to dinner." In fact, whether baked, boiled or fried, potatoes can be dressed for any occasion, casual or elegant.

For a quick and easy side dish, toss boiled Ontario potatoes with butter and sprinkle with dried dill or parsley. Add a new twist to hot baked potatoes by topping with sauteed Ontario mushrooms and onions or spicy homemade chili and a dollop of sour cream.

Contrary to popular belief, potatoes are not fattening. A medium-sized spud contains about 100 calories, roughly the same as an apple. And, because potatoes are complex carbohydrates, they are a good source of energy.

In winter months, Ontario potatoes are an economical source of vitamin C, and make a healthy contribution of thiamin, iron and fiber to winter-weary diets.

When buying potatoes, choose those that are even-sized, free from blemishes and green areas. Store potatoes in a cool, airy, dark place for up to one month. Refrigeration will cause undesirable flavor and color changes; high temperatures will result in sprouting.

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Passage of time doesn't affect Chava Alberstein

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Chava Alberstein remains wonderful.

Nearly 20 years after she first burst upon Israel's pop scene, she remains the quintessential folk-cabaret singer par excellence. Her strong yet supremely beautiful voice, her modest, lovingly empathetic stage demeanor, and her musicianship, demonstrated by her masterful guitar accompaniment, are the hallmarks of one of the greatest popular peforming artists alive today, which she is.

Despite a performance venue not up to her usual standards (an upstairs room at the Jewish Community Centre (Northern Branch) and cold mid-December weather, Alberstein drew an overflowing, wildly enthusiastic audience of students. She performed, at affordable ticket prices, thanks to Cafe Dizengoff, a laudatory program designed to bring a flavor of Israel to the youth of our community.

Alberstein's songs are immortal. Beautiful, timeless love ballads reflecting sensitivity, fast, romantic rhapsodies and gently humorous yet worldly-wise songs about children (such as Questions and Answers) comprise her repertoire.

Cafe-Dizengoff is jointly sponsored by The JCC of Toronto (Northern Branch), Canadian Zionist Federation, Youth and Hechalutz Department; and the Israel Program Centre.

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Pianist Bella Davidovich performs with the Toronto Symphony at Roy Thomson Hall Jan. 22, 23, 25 under the baton of Andrew Davis.

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Joseph Peleg and Judith Kenedi-Peleg join master-clarinetist Avraham Galper at Temple Sinai's annual Ruth Mendelsohn's Memorial Presentation Jan. 10.

Violinist Peleg's solo and chamber music successes have earned him many impressive engagements in Canada, Europe, Israel and the U.S. Born in Hungary, Peleg spent his youth in Israel, coming to Canada in 1968.

He is a former member of the Purcell String Quartet and the Gaillard Ensemble, and is at present concertmaster of the Peterborough and Oshawa Symphonies, as well as a member of the Toronto Chamber Players.

Judith Kenedi-Peleg, who joins Galper and her husband as the pianist of the trio, is also Hungarian born, having come to Canada at age 18. Like her husband, she holds degrees in music from University of Toronto and Indiana University. She has performed in CBC recitals and in concerts across Canada.

The program will include works by Bloch, Weinberg, Fitelberg and Engel. Admission is free.

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Uri Mayer, principal conductor of the Edmonton Symphony, will conduct the Royal Conservatory Orchestra Jan. 17 at Church of the Redeemer, Avenue Rd. and Bloor.

Born in Romania, Mayer was raised in Israel where he studied viola with Prof. Oedoen Partos (who also taught Rivka Golani). His conducting career has been with orchestras throughout the world.

As a musician, he has been principal violist with the Montreal Symphony. In 1979 he won the silver medal at the Fitelberg International Competition for Conductors in Poland.

Last Passover, Mayer conducted a full-scale Jewish-theme concert arranged by Toronto-born Cantor Ronald Grainer in Edmonton's Beth Shalom Synagogue.

The Toronto program will include Mendelssohn's Third Symphony and Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite. For further information, call 978-3771.

Chava Albertstein performs at the JCC (Northern Branch).

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Anecdotes book worth a read

The Little Brown Book of Anecdotes. Clifton Fadiman, General Editor. $29.95 (U.S.).

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Greek in origin, the word "anecdote" originally meant "things not given out," something secret and not to be revealed. In time, it denoted a terse recital of an interesting, amusing or biographical narrative.

Clifton Fadiman has compiled over 4,000 anecdotes about 2,000 well known personalities from around the world, past and present, in all fields of endeavor. These entrees are arranged alphabetically and encompass politicians, philosophers, writers, show-business figures, etc.

This is an admirable book with a brief bibliographical sketch of every person quoted and a complete listing of sources.

This mammoth collection, valuable as a book of reference, will also provide hours of enjoyment. The following examples are typical.

• On tour with a theatre company, Molly Picon overheard some of her fellow performers discussing their rather inadequate accommodations. "I never complain about such things — my grandmother brought up eleven children in four rooms," she remarked, breaking into the conversation. "How did she manage?" asked one of the other actresses. "Easy," replied Molly. "She took in boarders."

• During a fiery exchange between Khrushchev and Kennedy, the President asked the premier: "Do you ever admit a mistake?" Khrushchev's answer: "Certainly I do. In a speech before the Twentieth Party Congress, I admitted all of Stalin's mistakes."

• As most sports fans know, Jackie Robinson was the first Black to play major league baseball. On the day he left to play his first game, he kissed his wife and said, "If you come down to Ebbets Field today you won't have any trouble recognizing me." Pausing for a moment he added, "My number's 42."

• At an embassy reception, Ann Landers was approached by a rather pompous senator. "So you're Ann Landers," he drawled. "Say something funny." Without hesitation, Landers replied, "Well, you're a politician. Tell me a lie."

• Having accepted an invitation to address an anti-Nazi meeting in Brooklyn, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise received a number of threatening letters. Undaunted, the rabbi attended the meeting as scheduled and opened his speech with the words: "I have been warned to stay away from this meeting under pain of being killed. If anyone is going to shoot me, let him do it now. I hate to be interrupted."

• Alighting from a hansom cab one evening, Nathan Meyer Rothschild gave the driver what he felt to be an adequate tip. "Your lordship's son always gives me a good deal more than this," said the driver, eyeing the money disdainfully. "I daresay he does," retorted Lord Rothschild. "But then, you see, he has got a rich father; I haven't."

• A young friend of Einstein's proudly presented his 18-month-old son to the great scientist. The child looked up into the old man's smiling face and promptly began to howl. Einstein patted him on the head and said fondly, "You're the first person for years who has told me what you really think of me."

Play a steamy potpourri missing some ingredients

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Souvenirs, Sheldon Rosen's so-called "tropical thriller" which is playing at the Factory Theatre on Bathurst at Adelaide until Feb. 9, can better be described as a steamy potpourri with some vital ingredients missing in the pepper pot.

It has an evocative set designed by Patsy Lang — namely, the beach and bar of the Hotel Paradisio languorous amid the palm trees of a South Pacific island.

And it has an intriguing theme — namely, the passivism of six escapist vacationers when thrust into a brewing revolution by the natives that finally comes to a boil.

But, regrettably, the pleasure-seekers conceived by Rosen are more like caricatures than fully-realized characters.

Unfortunately, too, Duncan McIntosh doesn't help things with his directing. He has yet to learn the value of silences and pauses to heighten the meaning of spoken dialogue. Consequently, the players all tend to yell at each other when expressing emotion.

The two acts consist of 60 vignettes which seemed dragged out. Even the sex scenes, perceived by the audience through the lattice shutters of a cottage bedroom, were lacklustre because you couldn't identify with the characters.

The play is relieved by the gag lines which Rosen has interjected to spice up his thriller. This reviewer laughed at the joke uttered by one of the vacationers toward the end of the play before they were mowed down by machine guns.

"If only our travel agent could see us now!" he said.

It's definitely not a holiday recommended for escapist theatregoers.

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Passion for the theatre leads to a new publication

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Stephen Shawn is a Jewish theatre buff who believes he's found a niche in the nicest profession in the world — and he has put out about $250,000 to make it happen.

"I help give pleasure to people," he says. "And what could be nicer than that?"

Shawn is publisher of Tableau, a bright new pocket-sized "magazine of the theatre," which is provided free in lieu of a program to the more than 175,000 patrons of eight Toronto theatres.

The eight include the Royal Alexandra, the Limelight, Second City, Theatre in the Dell, Crest, Bayview Playhouse, Toronto Workshop, and the Toronto Truck Theatre where Agatha Christie's thriller *The Mousetrap* has been playing to capacity audiences for nine years.

In addition, he's discussing the possibility of providing the magazine to the Stratford, Shaw and Charlottetown Festivals — and perhaps to theatre in Montreal.

"That's the reason we titled it Tableau — a bilingual word that means the same in French and English," says Shawn, a dapper, Toronto-born entrepreneur of 43, with a neatly trimmed beard and a passion for the theatre.

He acquired his business acumen from his father, Mark Shawn, a retired Toronto stockbroker. And he shares a love for showbiz with his stepmother, Jean, daughter of the pioneer Canadian film exhibitor, Nathan L. Nathanson, founder of the Famous Players movie theatre chain.

Shawn, a graduate of Ridley College in St. Catharines and the University of Arizona, has degrees in drama production and psychology.

He's a former teacher of ballroom dancing ("I still enjoy waltzing and jitterbugging") and most recently was advertising sales manager of Scene Changes Magazine published by Theatre Ontario.

Tableau, he says, is "an unabashed clone" of Playbill, the theatre program magazine, which has been published for decades in New York as a service to Broadway theatregoers.

"I believe we will fill a genuine need in the Toronto theatre scene," he says enthusiastically. "Do you realize we're the third largest theatre production centre in the world?"

He lists them this way: London, with 45 major theatres; New York, with 19 major Broadway theatres and an unknown number Off-Broadway; and Toronto, with 95 producing theatres of various sizes.

Edited by Val Clery, a freelance On The Town nightspot columnist for the Toronto Star, Tableau contains brief and breezy theatrical articles and a regular crossword puzzle based on showbiz trivia.

"It fits into a lady's handbag conveniently and most patrons take it home as a souvenir," says Shawn.

He says that Ed Mirvish, owner of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, *knows* it's thoroughly read.

"Ed told me the Royal Alex used to be littered after every performance with the program playbills," he says. "But now ushers don't have to clean up the debris, because people leave the theatre still clutching their Tableaus."

Stephen Shawn

Shlomo Mintz will perform Jan. 14 at Roy Thomson Hall as part of the Toronto Symphony's Great Performers Series.

Violinist gets great start with Israel Philharmonic

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Growing up in Israel was mostly of great benefit to Shlomo Mintz, one of the leading younger generation violinists who will be performing Jan. 14 at Roy Thomson Hall as part of the Toronto Symphony's Great Performers series.

"It was a competitive small environment where people knew each other very well," Mintz told The CJN, in a telephone interview from New York. "The violin was very important."

It was in Israel that Mintz studied with the renowned Hungarian-born instructor Ilona Feher. The latter introduced him to Zubin Mehta, under whom he performed his first crucially important concerto debut with the Israel Philharmonic at age 11, and to Isaac Stern, who eventually arranged a scholarship from the American-Israel Cultural Foundation making it possible for Mintz to study with Dorothey DeLay at Juilliard.

"Playing with the Israel Philharmonic at an early stage was a great opportunity to expose myself in public," says Mintz. Yet he is quick to add that he had to undergo "a lot of chamber music 'make-up' work in the U.S. because I was insufficiently exposed to chamber music in Israel."

Mintz made his New York debut at Carnegie Hall in 1973, playing the Bruch First Concerto with William Steinberg and the Pittsburgh Symphony. Since then, he has performed with many of the world's greatest orchestras, including those in London, Vienna, West Berlin, Los Angeles, New York, Boston and Chicago.

Through all these performances, Mintz has been evolving his own interpretative stamp, which he describes as being a "deregulating of tradition" — the presentation of new and different thoughts, as well as aiming to recreate the music as written on the printed page.

While he considers Jascha Heifeitz as probably "the greatest violinist ever," Mintz believes that even here, his tradition is necessarily "not the final answer."

Mintz has also enjoyed a successful career as a recording artist, exclusively on the Deutsche Grammophon label. An album, currently in preparation, and featuring some of his new interpretations, also involves Russian-born Israeli-raised pianist Yefim Bronfman.

It's the much neglected Second Sonata by the French composer Gabriel Faure, often regarded as being the founder of the impressionistic school-of-music which was the first major departure from strict tonality. Ravel studied in Faure's class. Debussy was another key proponent of impressionism.

"I'm really looking forward to recording this album," says Mintz. "It was probably Faure's last work, and it's interesting to examine the thoughts of such a major composer in his last work. This sonata is very unique, non-traditional, strange but packed with beauty."

Aside from this recording, Shlomo Mintz is looking forward to his performing in what promises to be a landmark event next December: The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Israel Philharmonic, during which he'll perform under Zubin Mehta. "I'm looking forward to that very, very much."

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"We both do detective work"

Theatre director is equated with talmudic scholar

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Steven Schipper, who was richly steeped in Bible study in his native Montreal, believes that a theatre director is very much like a talmudic scholar.

"We both do detective work," he says. "We examine the text and try to interpret the meaning beneath the surface."

Consequently, you need not be surprised if you find a Jewish flavor in *Desire Under The Elms*, the revival of Eugene O'Neill's first great tragedy, which opened this week for a run until Feb. 1 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

According to Schipper's analysis, the Theatre Plus production that he has directed is much more than a tale about the conflict between a stony-hearted father who brings home his young bride to his rocky New England farm and his ambitious son.

"I see it as a tragedy of the possessed," says Schipper. "It's centred on a man's desire to buy heaven on earth by acquiring power, land and people.

"It's also a great ghost story, with a lot of spirituality. The characters are haunted by ghosts of the past, and the passion uniting them is greed — the greed involved in lust and love, money and hate.

"It's a story that dates back to the Greek legends, and it's exciting to make the characters come alive onstage."

Schipper, a red-bearded, owlish 30-year-old, says forthrightly that Judaism is "the framework of my identity," inherited from his scholarly Orthodox grandfather, Mendel Weinman, who was a general storekeeper in Poland.

He says he also acquired high ethical values ("to be Jewish means to do good") from his father, Jack Schipper, a manufacturer of mattress springs; and from his religious training at Montreal's Adath Israel Hebrew School, Notre Dame De Grace Talmud Torah, and Herzliah High School.

But it was his Polish-born mother, Regina, who imbued him with a love for spinning a theatrical tale.

"My mother was a great storyteller," the quietly intense director was recalling last week between rehearsals.

"When I was a kid, she'd tell me the story of the movies she'd seen. She had a good sense of characterization. And her insight into people and motivation was so true that it has stood me in good stead until today."

He made his acting debut at McGill University, where he was a member of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. He portrayed Lysander, the lover, in a campus production of Midsummer Night's Dream, and then honed his skills as a director at Bishops University in Lennoxville, Que.

"I was nothing better than merely good as an actor," he says, recalling with a blush the high point of his acting career, playing the villainous role of Judas Iscariot.

The character was one of the devil's team of curlers — including Guy Fawkes and Macbeth — in a Theatre Calgary production of the W. O. Mitchell comedy, *The Black Bonspiel of Wullie MacCrimmon*.

"I portrayed him as an honest Jewish person," says Schipper wryly.

He'd rather talk about his career as a director. One highlight was his staging of *After Buba's Funeral* and *Sweet And Sour Pickles* for Winnipeg's Prairie Theatre Exchange. "It was so popular," he says, "that they were scalping tickets for its extended 4-week engagement."

Another high point was his direction of *Romeo And Juliet* in the 1984 season at Stratford. "I treated it as a domestic play — a study of the dynamics of families," he says.

Steven Schipper

His own family consists of his wife, Terri Cherniack, the daughter of Saul and Pat Cherniack of Winnipeg, a respected actress, who is currently on a theatre tour and expecting their first child. The child will doubtless be born in Grand Bend, Ont., where Schipper has recently assumed his new position as artistic director of the Huron County Playhouse.

Schipper is also scheduled to direct soon Goldoni's harlequin farce *The Servant Of Two Masters* for the Young People's Theatre.

"A good director," he says of his craft, "must have vision and be committed to serve as best he can the play and the production."

What are the rewards of being a director?

"It's not the money," he says. "I get my kicks by eavesdropping on the members of the audience at the intermission and hearing them talk about the play and its ideas. As a storyteller, it's an exhiliarating feedback to know you're stirring up simultaneously thought and emotion."

Yiddish musical doesn't make magazine's listing

NEW YORK (JTA) —

While the Yiddish musical A Match Made in Heaven will go on as scheduled, it will not be among the hundreds of cultural events listed weekly in The New York Magazine's Going on About Town column, the subject of a continuing dispute here.

The magazine's decision not to list the Yiddish musical, which opened last October at Town Hall Theater one block east of Broadway's theatre district, last week brought out a handful of demonstrators who braved the below freezing temperatures to protest outside the magazine's offices.

"We feel it is discrimination," said Steward Figa, a member of the musical cast who plays the role of Berish. "The Yiddish Theater has always been a part of the New York cultural scene."

Nonetheless, the New Yorker's executive vice-president, John Newhouse Jr., reiterated the publication's position that there are "many, many shows and plays" and other cultural events in New York that are not listed in the Goings on About Town column.

"The New Yorker magazine does not attempt to list every show in New York," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "It lists some shows and doesn't list others." As he spoke, demonstrators nearby carried placards declaring, "the New York Magazine is unfair to the Yiddish Theatre."

The controversy, brewing for several weeks, has resulted with charges of unfairness and discrimination being filed with the state and city human rights divisions against the magazine by the musical's producer, Raymond Ariel. In addition, charges have been filed with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Carol Lister, director of the ADL's New York office, said the ADL has reviewed the dispute and "while we may not necessarily agree with the editorial judgment of the magazine, we do not feel it is discriminatory." She confirmed that Newhouse is a member of the ADL's New York regional board, but added "this has nothing to do with" the ADL judgment.

Ariel charged that the magazine is discriminating because it omitted the Yiddish play from the section that "lists every Broadway show now playing, as well as some 50 other Off-Off Broadway and Off-Broadway shows."

The cast and others involved in the play say the musical is the major Yiddish production in New York and Broadway and refusing to list it is harmful to the show and to the company of more than 30.

According to Fisa, "if people saw that it was listed, we think we would get more response" from the viewing public. A Match Made in Heaven marks the seventh season for Yiddish shows at the 1,400 seat Town Hall Theater. More than one million people have seen Yiddish shows there.

While the New Yorker has maintained that exclusion of the Yiddish play from the listing of events around New York is due to problems with space in the column, others feel it is a case of discrimination.

"This magazine doesn't care for Jewishness," said Rose Bozyk, a character actress in the play and the wife of the late Yiddish actor, Max Bozyk. "They don't want to list us because we are Yiddish."

But Newhouse pointed out that the magazine only a few weeks ago did a review of The Golden Lamb, a review of Yiddish musical songs and klezmer music that tells the story of the immigrants to the U.S.

Choreographer Derek Wolshonak called the magazine "a bastion of WASP culture," adding that "the magazine should be embarrassed" for not listing "an important piece of the New York culture."

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All-Canadian production

The Real Thing handled with magnificent aplomb

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The big news about Tom Stoppard's *The Real Thing*, which opened last week at the Royal Alexandria Theatre for a run until Feb. 8, is that it's a landmark all-Canadian production.

An award-winning Broadway and London West End hit, it's produced, directed and performed here by Canadians — and it's handled with magnificent aplomb, more than the equal of any touring company.

What's more, the good news for Royal Alex theatregoers is that it's Stoppard's most brilliant comedy, glittering with more witty wordplay than his other dazzlers, *Travesties* and *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*.

Stoppard, of course, is best known for his scintillating dialogue, his ability to make words dance, stand on their head, and sparkle.

He is a wizardly emigre who enjoys punning and playing tricks with the English language he discovered in London after his refugee Jewish father, Eugene Straussler, fled from the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia.

For example, he likes saying, "I'm just another bounced Czech."

He is also known as a juggler of verbal sparklers heretofore reluctant to examine the human heart of his flashy characters on display.

"I burn with no causes," he once said of his comedies' surface emotional byplay. "I try to have the courage of my lack of convictions."

And referring to his admiration of Oscar Wilde, he said, "*The Importance of Being Earnest* is important, but it says nothing about anything."

The Real Thing is a step forward for Stoppard, because in it he strives to come to grips with the emotional core of a character much like himself.

It deals with a highly sophisticated playwright who discards his actress wife to set up house with his leading lady. She in turn is unfaithful to him while she indulges in a romantic fling with both a young actor and a young would be writer seemingly idealistic about anti-war causes.

The playwright struggles throughout the 2-hour drama to resolve various conflicts — between his intellect and his emotions, between frivolous love and the real thing.

And thanks to the clever revolving sets by designer Allan Stichbury, the theatricality of his profession is effectively played up, subtly suggesting the conflict between illusion and reality.

Guy Sprung, artistic director of Toronto Free Theatre, directs his cast of Canadian professionals with style and verve, balancing nicely the script's contrasting verbal fireworks and profundity.

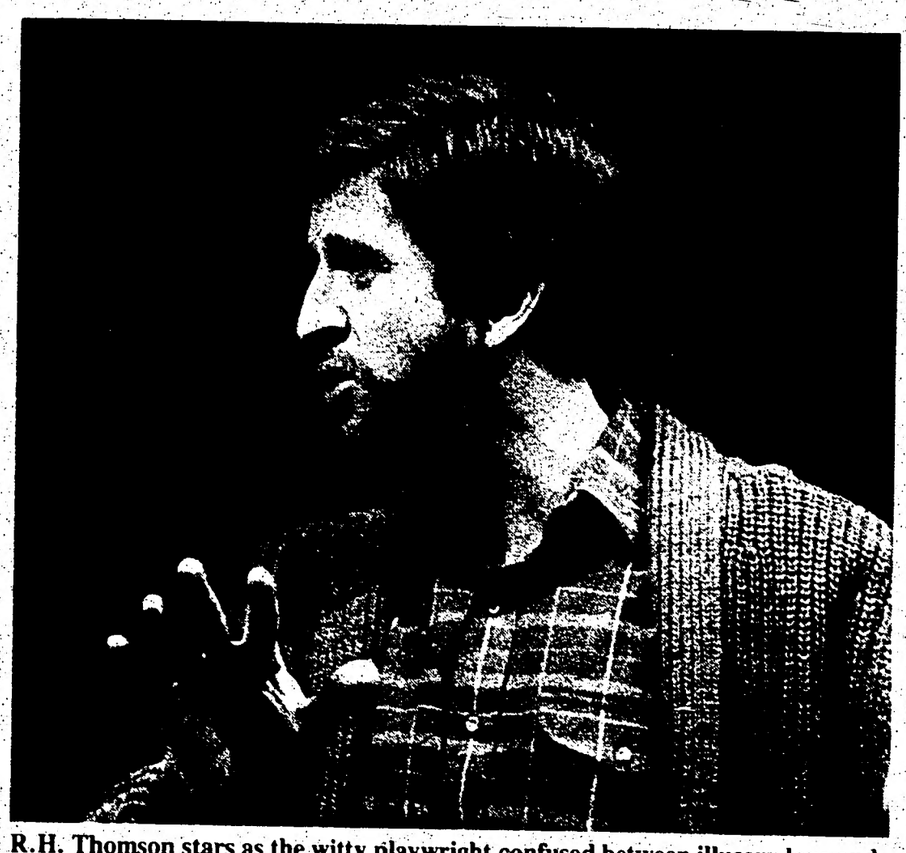
R. H. Thomson, who starred in the CBC TV drama, *Charlie Grant's War*, is splendid grappling with the complex personality nuances of the playwright, reminding one of the British actor, Tom Conti. He plays him as very human wordspinner, with no feeling for Bach, a love for the pop music of Elvis Presley and the Supremes, and a hatred of cliches.

Kate Trotter, who gave a little gem of a performance in the movie *Joshua Then And Now*, here expands her talents and is a full-bodied, believable sparring partner in her verbal duels with the playwright. Matched only by Bridget O'Sullivan as the delicately bitchy and actressy rejected wife.

But the standout of the production is the pyrotechnical display of wit. The putdown bon mot especially relished by this reviewer was the line that went: "She has no philosophy that can't be printed on a T-shirt."

And the most memorable commentary on lasting love was the euphorism: "There are no committed relationships — only bargaining, and that must be made every day."

Ed Mirvish's son, David, who has assumed the responsibility of producing more Canadian-staged and acted plays at the Royal Alexandra, deserves to take a bow for beginning with this winner.



R.H. Thomson stars as the witty playwright confused between illusory love and the real thing in Tom Stoppard's The Real Thing.

Tel Aviv museum features two unique exhibitions

TEL AVIV —

Members of the International Council of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, participated in the opening of two unique exhibitions at the museum during their recent annual meeting here.

The council, president over by Baron David de Rothschild of Paris, is composed of representatives from Israel and the Diaspora. Its vice-president is Sir Lesley Porter of London.

Charlotte: Life or Theatre is the first exhibition of original art ever shown in the museum. On display is just a part of more than a 1,000 paintings in gouache, which tell the story of their creator, Charlotte Salomon, who was born in Berlin in 1917 and died at Auschwitz after being sent there from France in 1943.

In her two years' work Charlotte created a play in paint, portraying with great sensitivity the life and values of a young girl caught in a fateful period in history.

Charlotte had given the two suitcases of artwork to a village doctor for safekeeping in 1942. They were preserved and given to her father and stepmother after the war, and in 1972 the collection was given to the Jewish Historial Museum in Amsterdam from which the 240 paintings on display are on loan.

The other exhibition opened was Jews in Ethiopia — Impressions of a Visit, 1983, featuring 45 photographs of French photographer and anthropological Frederic Brenner.

Brenner, who has done photo-documentation of Jewish communities all over the world, says he did not attempt to document the life of the Jews in Ethiopia in a systematic way, "rather to record my impressions, using the camera as a kind of notebook or diary."

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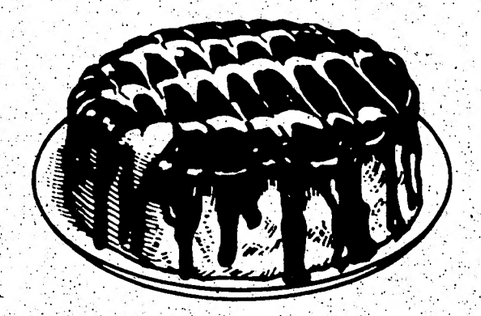

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Miami's growing cultural programs provide best in quality entertainment

By
ROSE KLEINER

MIAMI —
The growing number of cultural programs in Miami is doing much to change the image of this sun, sea and recreation wonderland.

In the next few months this metropolis, and several of its neighboring areas, will be bringing to their residents and visitors the best in quality entertainment and performers. Shakespeare, Broadway, ballet, film, opera and art will all touch down in this sunny vacation land.

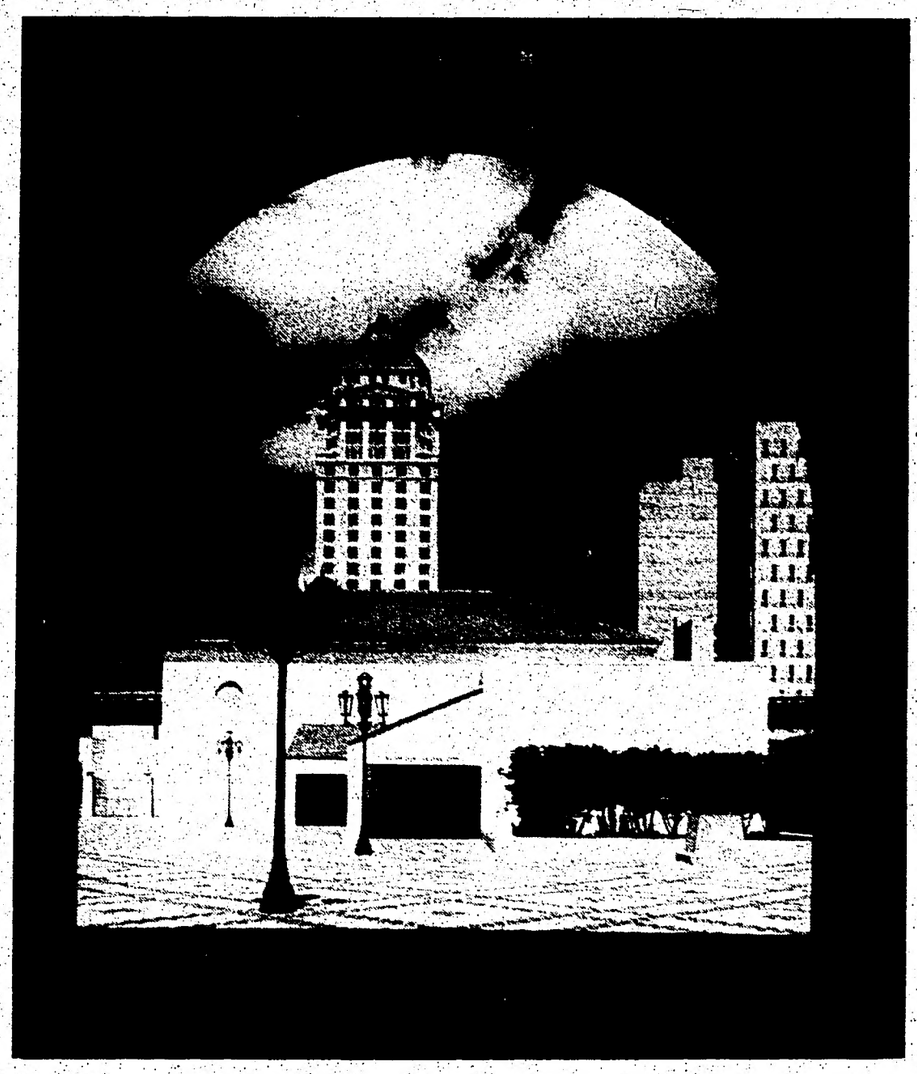
Shakespeare theatre is becoming an annual event in Miami. The Shakespeare Festival at Vizcaya will be held this year from February to April. Each of the three plays selected for this season — As You Like It, The Comedy Of Errors, and Julius Ceasar — will be performed several times during February, March and April. For exact dates, call 854-1983.

Also running at Vizcaya during March and April will be the musical comedy, The Doctor In Spite Of Himself.

Broadway is coming to Miami with four exciting selections. The plays will all be running at the Miami Beach Theater of the Performing Arts. Dreamgirls will be seen from Feb. 11 to 23. Biloxi Blues — March 18 to 30. Big River — April 8 to 20, and The Tap Dance Kid — May 6 to 18.

There is other, very fine theatre in Miami these days, thanks to the excellent work of Ruth Forman, a talented lady whose productions shine both at the theatre which bears her name, as well as elsewhere.

The Ruth Forman Theater, at 151st St. and Biscayne Blvd. (891-1830) is located at the Florida International University. It has four plays scheduled this winter. Baby, a 1985 Tony Award nominee for best musical, is on until Feb. 2. Sweet Bird of Youth will be running Feb. 6 to March 9, and The Entertainer, April 17 to May 18.



Centre For the Fine Arts in the Metro-Dade Cultural Center in Miami.

Another Ruth Forman Theater production is Kuni Lemel, currently running at the Sunrise Musical Theater (741-8600). Winner of four awards for best off-Broadway musical of 1985, Kuni Lemel is a delightful musical that has patrons singing its praises as they leave the theatre.

For more musical theatre head for the Persian Room of the Marco Polo Hotel (931-7663) where Oklahoma will be on until March 2. From March 6 to April 27 you can see and enjoy there Fiddler On The Roof.

If you wish for more drama, there is the Caldwell Theater Company (462-5433) in Boca Raton. Running until Feb. 9 will be Murder Among Friends. The comedy Fridays, will be seen from Feb. 18 to March 30. The Dark At The Top Of The Stairs is booked for April 8 to May 18.

When it comes to music, too, Miami Beach is greatly indebted to a remarkable lady who has put the city on the map of almost every top performing artist today. The lady is Judy Drucker, who first began by bringing world class music to Temple Beth Sholom in Miami Beach. She now does this wonderful service for the Theater of the Performing Arts as well.

First, at Temple Beth Sholom (532-3491). There will be five Sundays at 4 concerts this winter, with an option to have dinner with the artists after the concert. The first concert, on Jan. 19, will feature Israeli cellist Matt Haimovitz with works by Debussy, Brahms, Bach and Chopin. The next four concerts (Feb. 9, March 9 and 23, and April 6) will cover works by Haydn, Dvorak, Beethoven, Mozart, Prokofiev, Shostakovich and others.

Among the performers will be the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and all concerts will be on Sundays at 4 p.m.

The Great Artists Series concerts, which originated at Temple Beth Sholom, will be performed at the Theater For The Performing Arts. Artists in the series are Itzhak Perlman on Jan. 12, Isaac Stern on March 10, and Peter Serkin on March 16, playing the Bach Goldberg Variations.

Classical music fare will be available at the Dade County Auditorium (532-2207). Its Prestige Series includes Louis Lane and David Bar-Illan performing on Feb. 1, with Vladimir Ashkenazy booked for Feb. 14. March 11 will bring Charles Dutoit, Yefim Bronfman and the Montreal Symphony to Miami. The series ends with Yo-Yo Ma on May 11.

Other musical performances in Miami will feature the Shalom 86 troupe from Tel Aviv. The program lists a cast of 45 entertainers, coming directly from Israel. Performances will be from Feb. 6 to 10 at the Miami Beach Theater of the Performing Arts.

The 1986 opera season opens on Jan. 13 with Verdi's Rigoletto, at the Gusman Cultural Center (633-2271). Puccini's La Boheme begins on Feb. 3, and will include performances by Placido Domingo. Of Mice And Men will run from March 3 to 9, and both Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci from April 7 to 13.

For ballet lovers, Baryshnikov will dance on Jan. 28, in Giselle, when the American Ballet Theater comes here. The Ballet Theater is booked at the Miami Beach Theater of Performing Arts from Jan. 27 to Feb. 1.

Besides Giselle, the week's program will include La Bayadere, Swan Lake, II, Push Comes to Shove, and Dark Elegies.

A major event on the Miami art scene is the Picasso in Miami exhibit in the beautiful, new Metro-Dade Center for Fine Arts. The centre itself is a magnificent addition to the Miami landscape. The Picasso exhibit will not be shown anywhere else in the U.S., as it is going to Japan next.

The exhibit contains over 200 works which have been handpicked by his granddaughter, Marina.

More Canadian vacationers turn to Florida's Gulf coast

By
GENE TELPNER

PANAMA CITY —
When the average Canadian tourist thinks of Florida, the places that usually come to mind are Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale, or glittering Palm Beach where Prince Charles and Princess Di went for Polo and socializing.

In my opinion, the Gulf coast of Florida which I recently visited has the most magnificent beaches, fabulous restaurants, and such low prices during the winter season that even the Canadian dollar goes a long way.

Would you believe double occupancy in some of the major chain hotels for as low as $30 a night! Or magnificent condominiums for rent by their owners for extremely low rates from October to April or May.

Is there a catch to all of this? Not if you love golfing, fishing, uncrowded beaches, and value for your money. However, the weather will be cooler than Miami or Fort Lauderdale at Florida destinations such as Pensacola, Destin, or Panama City.

Obviously Canadians are getting tuned in to this part of the south according to statistics available from Florida tourist officials I spoke to, such as Larry White and Donna Schoditsch.

They pointed out that a common practice among Florida motels allows children under 18 to stay free with parents plus discounts for senior citizens.

At Panama City the sheer white of the beaches is a dazzling sight to a snow-weary Manitoban who wants to shed long winter underwear for a stroll in the sun.

On a 30-minute cruise from a Panama City dock fittingly called the Treasure Island Marina you can reach an exotic beach paradise called Shell Island.

It's a setting that would have seemed familiar to Robinson Crusoe — miles of sandy, shell-swept beaches and not a sign of civilization.

At one time Shell Island was part of the Florida mainland. But a hurricane, such as the one which swept parts of Florida late in October of 1985, ripped the island away from the coast. It wasn't always deserted as it is today.

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Scenic train ride provides change of pace

Soak up the sun on Jamaica's white sand beaches

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MONTEGO BAY — This north coast Jamaican resort city and cruise port is first airport stop on most non-stop flights from Toronto. From here it is easy to reach the numerous beach-front hotels and resorts at Montego Bay (MoBay locally), as well as those at Ocho Rios to the east and the Negril area to the west.

There are also small planes to Port Antonio at the eastern end of Jamaica, while flights from Toronto continue on to the capital city of Kingston.

No matter where you intend to go in Jamaica, you'll have plenty of opportunity to soak up the sun on the white sand beaches, to enjoy the warm weather and, if so inclined, to do some sightseeing, play golf or tennis or go deepsea fishing.

For a change of pace from the relaxing beach style, take a train ride into the interior from Montego Bay. The day-long trip on the Governor's Coach is southwards through very lush fern forests and low mountains, with rushing streams alongside or far below the train's route. The train is comfortable (to which this travel reporter can attest) and there will be a loquacious Jamaican guide who delights in telling you all the local history and folklore.

You'll pass such interesting little mountain villages as Anchovy, where the coach has to await on a siding the express train from Kingston. You'll stop at Catadupa and browse in the small town. Here seamstresses are ready to take your measurements for a shirt, shorts, or a dress, from a large variety of fabrics on display.

When the train returns about four hours later, the ladies will bring the finished garment to your seat on the train. And you'll find, as I did, that what you ordered fits and is well sewn in that short time.

After Catadupa your next stop is Ipswich, where you'll visit mountain caves while special guides light the way with kerosene lamps. There is a box lunch stop alongside a rushing river at a picnic site near Maggotty, while local musicians entertain. Then the train starts on its return journey to Montego Bay.

Near MoBay there is a private bird sanctuary where you can arrange to come in the afternoon and witness the many bird species at feeding time. In this area are also some old plantation homes, open to the public, some restored to 18th century splendor, such as Rose Hall.

In and around Ocho Rios resort area are other attractions, best known of which is Dunn's River Falls, a series of cascading rocks to climb as a rushing mountain stream tumbles down the rocks.

There is a plantation tour to see what happens to spice, coconut and banana crops and at Port Maria you can view the former home of playwright Noel Coward. He lived there the last 35 years of his life.

In the Negril area life is not on such a luxurious scale as at the large resort hotels at MoBay and Ocho Rios. The Negril has plenty of beach with camping, Club Med type resorts and private cottages.

Port Antonio at the eastern end of Jamaica is best known for its river rafting. A one-time banana export port, it is considered one of the most beautiful spots on an island which has a lot of tropical scenery. There is a new day-long adventure cruise here aboard a glass-bottomed boat, with a calypso band, to see historic spots of the area and coral sea formations. It continues by bus to visit a coconut plantation and over a hundred species of tropical flowers.

You'll even visit Navy Island which was once owned by movie actor Errol Flynn.

You can travel the mountainous island from the north shore beaches to the capital of Kingston, by car or train. You'll pass through Mandeville, known as the centre of the bauxite mining industry. This is no beach resort town. It is some 2,000 feet up in the mountains, and a vacation spot in summer for Jamaicans who want to escape the coastal summer heat.

The road threads through lush forests and near Kingston coffee plantations.

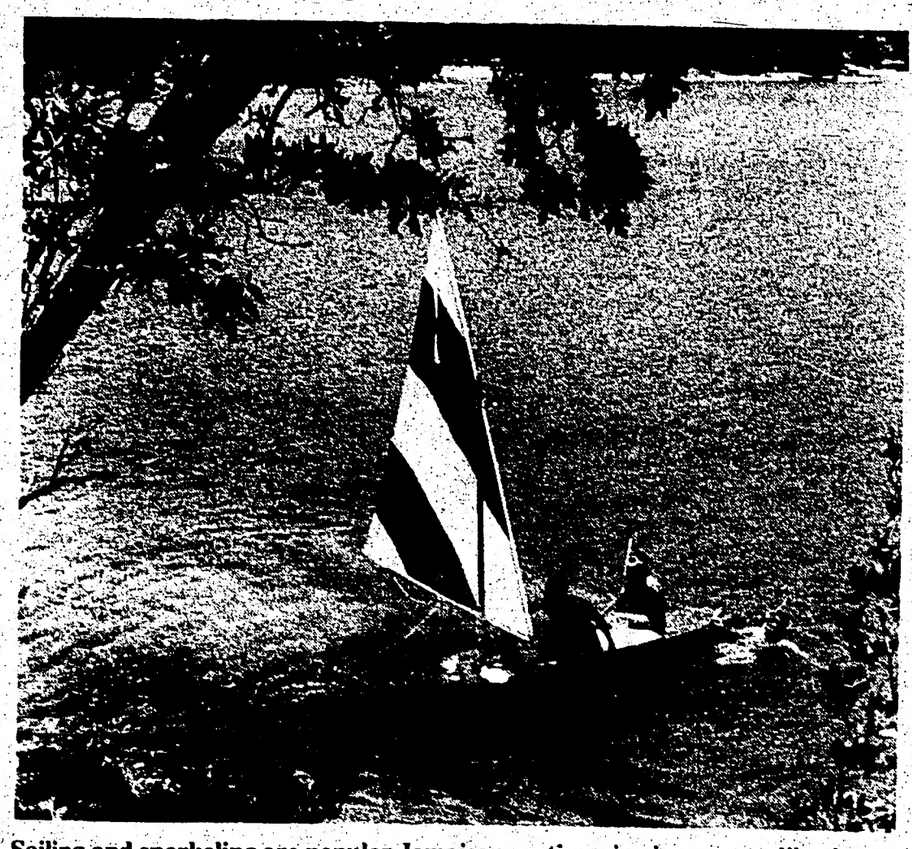
Near Kingston you'll visit historic sites, for here the English and Spanish settled and here pirates thrived a few centuries ago. One site is Port Royal, on a spit of land in Kingston Harbor. Here such pirates as Captain Henry Morgan ruled for many years. An earthquake in 1692 swallowed much of the town.

Admiral Horatio Nelson was commander of the British garrison at Fort Charles in the 1770s, and the historic site is open today to the public. There is a musuem also in a 19th century former naval hospital, with artifacts of the Arawak Indians who occupied the island of Jamaica before the white man arrived.

There is a ferry from downtown Kingston to Port Royal.

Another historic area is Spanish Town, some miles west of Kingston. Now a residential area, its streets were originally laid out by Christopher Columbus in the 16th century. Much of the Spanish architecture was destroyed when the English captured the town in 1655, but history buffs can find traces of Spanish settlement here.

(There is a synagogue in Kingston — Shaare Shalom at Duke and Charles.)



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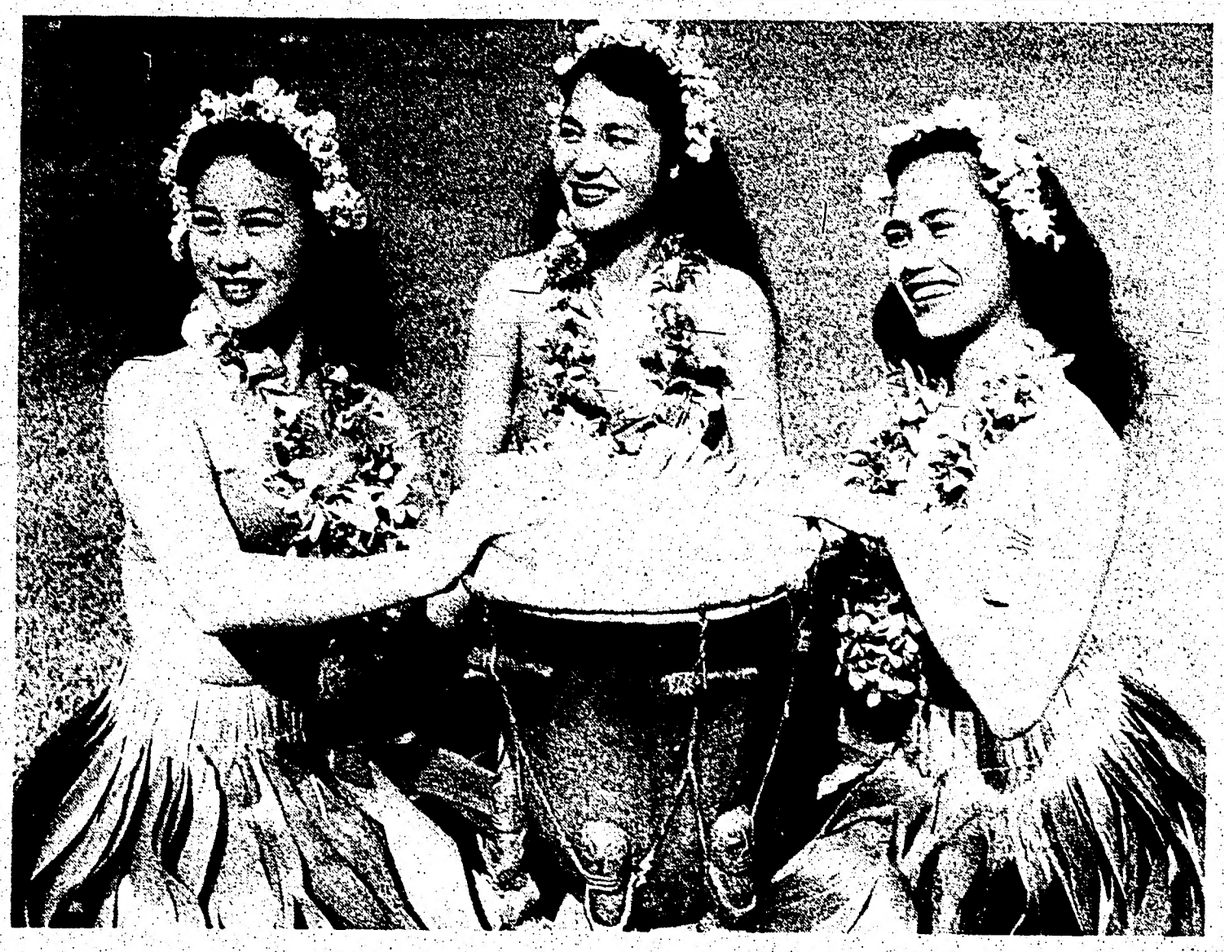

Hawaiian dancers like these entertain on Honolulu's Waikiki Beach.

Non-stop flights for Eastern Canadians

Hawaii grows more accessible

By JAMES MONTAGNES

HONOLULU —

If you are in a hurry to escape wintry weather for balmy mid-Pacific weather, this scenically-located city is just about 10 non-stop flying hours from Toronto (via CP Air).

You can also get here on a number of airlines via Vancouver or Chicago, or San Francisco or Los Angeles. It just takes a bit longer before you will see Diamond Head landmark, watch surfers at Waikiki, or visit the pineapple plantations.

The various islands which make up the state of Hawaii have long been popular with Western Canadians. Now, with non-stop flights, more Eastern Canadians are seeking warm weather destinations to escape the cold winters.

Honolulu, now the 13th largest city in the United States (of which Hawaii has been the 50th state since 1959), is filled with tourist attractions. Its Waikiki beach is one of the major attractions, a wide curving strip of white sand 2½ miles (4 km.) long, where for hours you can watch surfers riding the big Pacific Ocean whitecapped rollers. For this travel reporter watching the graceful surfers is an exciting experience — mainly because I wouldn't try it myself!

The beach today has dozens of highrise luxury hotels and apartment-condominiums. From observation decks on some of these buildings you get a magnificent view of the city, its beaches and the mountainous landmarks.

If you think you have seen the last word in shopping malls, be sure to visit the International Marketplace on Waikiki, where there are stalls under tropical trees and under canvas, where the merchandise is principally from Asia, but also from all corners of the world. Don't miss the Ala Moana Shopping Center, built in 1959, and still one of the largest in the world with over 200 stores.

You may never get to visit all the South Pacific islands, but you can see their people, photograph their dances, hear their singing and admire their native crafts at the Polynesian Cultural Center at Laie, about 40 miles (64 km) from Honolulu, accessible by car or bus tours.

In Honolulu visit the Iolani Palace where Hawaiian kings and queens lived till late in the last century. Nearby is the legislature, the state capitol built in 1969 along Hawaiian lines; while in front of it stands the bronze statue of the last queen and songwriter, Queen Liliuokalani.

The Bishop Museum, accessible by doubledecker bus from a number of Honolulu hotels, has the largest collection of Hawaiian historical artifacts. It has been in existence since the end of the last century.

The memorial to the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, is the Arizona Memorial. There are free boat tours and half-day cruises of Pearl Harbor naval base (for a fee) daily except Mondays. The U.S. battleship Arizona was bombed that day and 2,000 U.S. naval personnel were killed.

There are pineapple canneries and plantations to visit, tours to the forested Diamond Head landmark, tours of the Foster Botanic Gardens on Vineyard Boulevard in Honolulu, and there is a Fort De Russy Army Museum in the Waikiki Beach area with a collection of ancient Hawaiian weapons — for the native Hawaiians waged war among the tribes of the different islands.

While today there are many marine attractions with dolphins, whales and other fish, you should see Sea Life Park on Makapuu Point. This is a marine biological station in a real setting on a coral reef, where beautiful Hawaiian girls go out in outrigger canoes to lead trained porpoises and dolphins in performances. The girls appear to really talk to the marine mammals and they seem to talk back.

To get to know the native Hawaiian try some trips on The Bus, the municipal transit system, used widely throughout the Honolulu area.

The Honolulu area is served by moderately priced as well as luxury hotels, clubs and guest houses. Restaurants are numerous. You have all the facilities of a big U.S. city here.

(Honolulu has a Conservative synagogue, Sof Ma'ariv, at 2500 Pali Highway and a Reform Temple, Emanu-El at 2550 Pali Highway.)

Florida's fast-paced jai-alai creates emotional betting fans

By JEFF ROSEN

TAMPA, Fla. —

It's almost a sure bet you'll enjoy yourself when you head to Tampa's Jai-Alai Fronton.

For a mere $2 wager, passive observers are transformed into emotional fans who cheer on their favorite players in this exciting fast-paced sport which runs from January to June.

Jai-alai is played on a 3-walled court using a cesta, a narrow, curved basket players wear. It is made from reeds found only in the Pyrenees Mountains of Spain. The hand is inserted into a leather glove of the cesta and held in place by a wraparound tie called a cinta.

Players hurl a small hard ball called a pelota against one of the playing surfaces with the cesta and the opposing player must catch it with his cesta and hurl it against the wall again. The ball is constructed of hand-wound Brazilian rubber and has been clocked at speeds exceeding 150 mph making jai-alai a very fast action game.

A player scores a point when his opponent cannot catch the ball or throws it out of the court's boundary lines.

A player's equipment consists of a protective helmet, rubber soled athletic footwear, a faja or red sash and a jersey. The jersey is marked with the player's own number on the back and post position number on the front. In each game there are eight posts or teams with two players per post.

The speed involved with jai-alai makes it an exciting sport for patrons who head to Tampa's Fronton at 5125 S. Dale Mabry to take in the 13 nightly games from the comfort of the Cancha Club restaurant or from reserved seats which range in price from $2-$3.

Once inside the Fronton the lure of parimutuel wagering draws most to the betting windows. The combinations and permutations involved in picking a team to win are almost endless.

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Enjoy the mountain, escape the crowds

Telemark skiing gains ground in North America

By
SUE-ANN LEVY

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. —

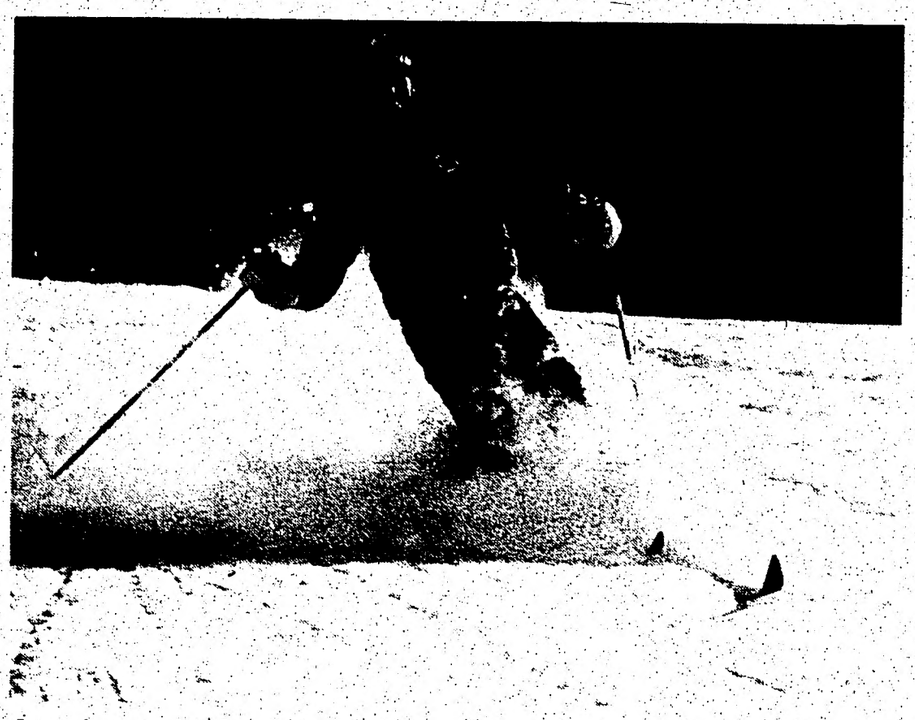
Telemarking is luring traditionally pedestrian cross-country skiers downhill at this alpine ski resort.

A new twist to an old turn, the telemark is a traverse (zigzag) turn with a slight jump to it. A forerunner of the parallel turn, the telemark criss-crosses skiers down the slope in a series of swooping arch-like turns.

What some have coined "norpine," the telemark gives skiers a choice. They can ride the lifts and race down alongside alpine (downhill) skiers.

Or, they can hike up a mountain (something alpine skiers can't do in their inflexible, cumbersome equipment and dress) and telemark down snow no one else has tracked.

This mobility gives telemarkers an ambidextrous dimension absent in both alpine and Nordic (cross-country) skiing.



Love that powder. Telemarking gives skiiers an ambidextrous dimension to skiing.

Named for Telemark, Norway, the hometown of its developer Sondre Nordheim, the resurrection of this ballet-like turn is taking macho cross-country skiers to new heights; particularly at Steamboat Springs where this area's gentler slopes and famed "champagne powder" make it a perfect telemark country.

Over 27 feet of this dry, soft, fluffy snow falls each winter, powdering Steamboat's average 350-foot snow fall.

"The telemark is the North American adaption of Europe's popular mountaineering skiing," explained Steamboat Springs Nordic ski director Sven Wiik.

Wiik claims "Steamboat is the best area in Colorado for Nordic skiing because it's composed of more valleys than gorges like Aspen and Vail."

Wiik, who at 63 telemarks down the Rockies as effortlessly as Fred Astaire tap dances across a polished floor, says Steamboat is the best ski area for families because anyone can ski without being severely threatened by its Mt. Werner, Colorado's 2nd highest mountain.

Half of Steamboat's 81 runs are groomed for the intermediate skier, while the other half is divided between beginner and expert trails. All of which makes its 3,600 vertical drop ideal for telemarking.

Whatever the attraction, telemark skiers are becoming less of an oddity, paying anywhere from $1,000 to $1,200 for ski packages here.

Steamboat's public relations director — and ardent alpine skier — Rod Hannah admits his 18 ski lifts are chairing more telemark skiers up Steamboat's 1,400 acres of skiable mountain, plus an additional 2,300 permitted acres of unmarked trails and tree-glazed powder. As many as 10% of the resort's 839,201 recorded skiers last years were Nordic enthusiasts.

"We're experiencing a revolution in Nordic skiing," says Steamboat ski instructor and powder guide Barry Smith. "It's a new downhill awareness for serious cross-country skiers who are beginning to realize they can use their light, narrow skis, pin bindings and flexible boots to experience the thrills of downhill skiing."

Smith also sees many disillusioned alpine skiers combine the economics and esthetics of Nordic skiing with the speed and energy of alpine through the telemark.

"Competent alpine skiers are finding out that telemarking improves their alpine skiing. There's no high plastic boot to rely on, so balance becomes a key factor in just standing upright on tow skis," says Smith, who also tests Nordic and alpine instructors out here.

"Mastering their balance on the skinny telemark skis enhances their agility on the wide alpine."

Learning to telemark is easier on a gently packed alpine slope than in the calf-deep snow of the back country, explains Smith, who chairs his novice telemark students up beginner alpine runs.

"And the packed snow of an alpine run allows telemarkers to traverse as many turns in 20 minutes as they could carve in an entire day of telemarking powder."

But it's the unmarked powder and spectacular Colorado back country that seduces skiers to telemark down Steamboat Springs.

Not only is the telemark turn drawing Nordic tourist dollars to alpine ski resorts, it's gearing ski and boot manufacturers into another industry.

Essentially mountaineering (touring) skis with steel edges and ankle-high (hiking) boots are what most telemarkers prefer; though no-wax skis are favored by some of the most experienced (Smith and Wiik included).

Telemark skis and boots are about twice the price of regular Nordic equipment, and about half the price of alpine. Translated into dollars, cross-country ski equipment ranges from $100-$200; telemark, $350; and alpine $700-$800.

While skeptics like Wiik think telemarking is a fad, enthusiasts like Smith believe the telemark is carving a niche for itself in the Rocky Mountains.

Smith's belief is shared by Montreal telemark pioneer — and ski division manager at Karhu-Titan Ltd. — Allan Slade.

"Telemarking is an alternate way to enjoy the mountains, and escape the crowds and cost of alpine skiing," Slade says.

Slade sees telemarking increasing steadily in popularity. "Each year we (ski manufacturers) thinks it's peaked, only to find the following year brings new converts."

B'nai B'rith hockey scores for the week of Dec. 26.

A DIVISION

TFL Whalers 5 — TFL Teammates 3

Mixed Association 2 — Forestdale Big Steel 0
LMOL Hawks 4 — Canyon Brokers 1

B DIVISION

Don Mills Axemen 4 — TFL Fantasticks 2
Canyon Kings 5 — TFL Beaver Canoes 2
TFL Paris Kitchens 5 — Upper Canada Bruins 1
LMOL Reds 2 — Maccabiah Red Wings 2
TFL Feathers 1 — TFL Plumbers 1
Forestdale Sting 11 — TFL Freedoms 0

B'nai B'rith hockey final standings for the first half of the 1985/86 season.

A DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
TFL Whalers	12	8	2	2	18
The Association	12	4	2	6	14
Forestdale Big Steel	12	4	5	3	11
LMOL Hawks	12	4	6	2	10
Canyon Brokers	12	4	6	2	10
TFL Teammates	12	3	6	3	9

B DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
TFL Feathers	12	9	1	2	20
TFL Fantasticks	12	10	2	0	20
TFL Paris Kitchens	12	7	4	1	15
Upper Canada Bruins	12	7	4	1	15
TFL Beaver Canoe	12	6	5	1	13
LMOL Reds	12	5	5	2	12
Maccabiah Red Wings	12	5	5	2	12
Canyon Kings	12	5	6	1	11
Don Mills Axeman	12	4	6	2	10
TFL Plumbers	12	3	6	3	9
Forestdale Sting	12	3	9	0	6
TFL Freedoms	12	0	11	1	1

C DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Don Mills Wasters	12	11	0	1	23
Manor Metro Angels	12	10	1	1	21
LMOL Furriers	12	10	1	1	21
Maccabiah Black Hawks	12	9	2	1	19
Canyon Ultakukers	12	9	2	1	19
TFL Flyers	12	7	3	2	16
TFL Flood	12	6	5	1	13
Maccabiah Weiss Guys	12	6	5	1	13
TFL Hav A Kars	12	4	5	3	11
Canyon Panthers	12	4	6	2	10
Forestdale Blades	12	4	6	2	10
TFL Refiners	12	3	6	3	9
Yorkdale Gunners	12	4	7	1	9
North York Habs	12	4	8	0	8
LMOL Brewers	12	2	7	3	7
Maccabiah Grinders	12	1	9	2	4
Don Mills Presidents	12	1	10	1	3
Maccabiah Toe Biz	12	0	12	0	0

Amy Alcott golfs way to $8,000

Female Jewish golf pro Amy Alcott teamed up recently with Gene Littler at the mixed Mazda Championships in Montego Bay, Jamaica, where they combined for a 135, 7-under par total and an $8,000 share each of the prize money.

Their totals were eight strokes short of winning the $500,000 pot shared by Don January and Alice Miller, who sank a 12-footer on the second playoff hole against the duo of Lee Elder and Pat Bradley to win an extra $470,000 (you read that right).

This Jamaican tournament offers the richest 1st-place payoff in golf with a total money pool of $730,000. The mixed teams were composed of golfers from the Ladies Professional Golf Association and the PGA's senior tour.

JDL calls Dynamo police team

MONTREAL —

An official of the Jewish Defence League had asked Boston Bruins hockey club to cancel an exhibition game scheduled Jan. 6 against a touring Soviet team, The Montreal Gazette reports.

In a letter to Bruins officials, Kenneth Sidman of Brookline, Mass., head of the League's Boston chapter, said the Moscow Dynamo squad is a Soviet police hockey team and he contended police harass Jews in the Soviet Union.

New year means a new season for BB hockey

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For the hundreds of players in the B'nai B'rith hockey league's B and C Divisions, their New Year's resolutions to improve their play on the ice could pay off with a first place finish — even if they ended the 1985 portion of the year low in the standings.

It's all because of the changing divisional alignment in BB's hockey season that sees B and C divisions broken up into two new divisions each, corresponding to the order of finish from the first half of the season.

The league's premier A Division will remain unaffected by the shakeup, and each of its six teams will retain its respective place in the standings.

But the teams in Divisions B1, B2, C1 and C2 will start the latter half of the season with a clean slate — both the bottom and top teams in the first half of the season theoretically stand an equal chance of finishing first in their respective circuits.

The new divisional alignment, as of Jan. 5, looks like this:

B1:
TFL Feathers;
TFL Fantasticks;
Maccabiah Red Wings;
TFL Beaver Canoes;
TFL Paris Kitchens;
Upper Canada Bruins.

B2:
Don Mills Axemen;
TFL Freedoms;
Forestdale Sting;
Canyon Kings;
TFL Plumbers;
Leonard Mayzel Reds.

C1:
Don Mills Wasters;
Manor Metro Angels;
LMOL Furriers;
Maccabiah Black Hawks;
Canyon Ultakukers
TFL Flyers;
TFL Flood;
Maccabiah Weiss Guys.

C2:
TFL Hav-A-Kars;
Canyon Panthers;
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Maccabiah Toe Biz.

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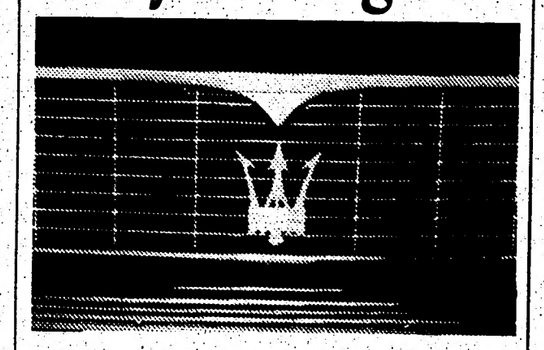

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Business Outlook

Consumers peruse products, services on terminals

Electronic shopping shows important growth

MONTREAL — Electronic shopping is encouraging more—and more customers to let their fingers do the walking, Touche Ross consultant Thomas Rauh told the recent International Council of Shopping Centres conference in Montreal.

"And retailers who sit back will lose market share," warned Rauh.

Rauh saw major growth of computer-based systems that permits consumers to review information on products and services. There will be 5,000 transactional terminals and 70,000-plus informational terminals by 1990, he said.

Art Smith, vice-president finance at Zellers and a conference panelist, predicted that within five years, electronic shop-from-home services will take orders for $4 billion to $6 billion worth of merchandise in Canada. Total non-automotive retail sales, he said, were worth $81 billion last year.

Smith said a retailer such as Zellers with 220 discount stores across Canada, must invest in the new technology now. "Competition will fuel investment and consumers will accept it," he said.

Comp-U-Card Canada president Bill Meeder, another panelist, said his company now has 140,000 subscribers in Canada who pay $35 a year for the ability to order brand name merchandise and vacation packages over the telephone or through personal computers at discounted prices.

"It's a win-win environment," said Meder. "No one can deliver a product more cheaply than the computer. It's a matchmaker that brings together the customer and vendor."

Mendor estimated that there are now at least 10,000 people in North America working to develop electronic shopping services, with a total of $5 billion committed to system development by companies that include International Business Machines and Sears Roebuck.

Brian Cram, account executive at Cable Share, in London, said it's going to be considered very inconvenient for consumers not to have this technology in a mall or store, especially when computers are in the home.

"The new frontier is putting sizzle in shopping," said Cram. "It gives the consumer an excellent range of products, complete and accurate information, and time to think and shop."

And Groupe Videoway, Montreal, plans a pilot project in Brossard, a Montreal suburb, early in 1986 with 3,000 interactive cable-television terminals that will include a shopping service.

Groupe Videoway is an affiliate of Quebec's biggest cable-television operator, Cablevision Videotron, and plans to expand the service soon to other areas.

Videoway president Jean-Marc Lafaille said there is no need for lots of equipment with its combined unit, which operates with the television set.

"The consumer can choose, order and pay from the TV screen," he said.

Among major impacts of electronic shopping on retailing, Smith saw:

Extension shopping hours to include Sunday so stores can offer more shopping convenience; an attempt to put more zing in shopping as shopping centres compete for fewer customers; redevelopment of shopping centres, with office space and apartments replacing conventional retailing space; pressure on supermarkets and price-oriented food stores as customers switch to electronic shopping for all perishable items; and replacement of some merchants in shopping centres by electronic "stores" that permit shoppers to browse through video presentations of goods.

Rate on RRSPs crucial with funds compounding

By
DONALD SCOTT

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The development, to be known as Le Centre Eaton, will be modelled on Toronto's Eaton Centre and will have a yard covered with a towering 90' skylight, similar layout of stores, quality tenants, access to the metro and integration with a large downtown Eaton department store.

York-Hannover Developments will scrap the existing Les Terrasses shopping complex and double the existing commercial space.

It is planning to invest about $120 million in a 50-50 partnership with an unidentified European investor.

The Les Terrasses multi-level shopping mall is to be gutted and re-built in a simplified layout by August 1988.

Les Terrasses is bordered by the Eaton department store on the east and McGill College Avenue on the west.

It touches St. Catherine on the south and de Maissonneuve Blvd. on the north. An S.S. Kresge store, a Bally Shoe outlet and another small retail store will be demolished to make way for Le Centre Eaton.

The City and District Savings bank at the corner of McGill College and St. Catherine will be incorporated into the project and Bally will move into the new mall.

Les Terrasses now occupies about 150,000 sq.-ft. The redevelopment will occupy an estimated 300,000 sq.-ft. and have about 225 boutiques. Included in the plans are four 500-seat cinemas.

As the development's anchor, the Eaton department store will provide new links to the centre and will refurbish certain areas to complement the York-Hannover project, according to the owner of the private real estate development firm, Karsten von Wersebe.

He also said the department store only has a merchandising agreement with York-Hannover and has no financial interest in the project.

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"We would be crazy not to use the same name (as Eaton). Eaton Centre gives this project a quality no other name could do," von Wersebe said. (There is another Eaton Centre under construction in Calgary.)

The firm acquired Les Terrasses from Rouse Quebec Corp. in December, a $71 million deal that also included Sherway Gardens shopping centre in Toronto.

York-Hannover's interests include the Skyline Hotel chain and the Maple Leaf Village hotel and amusement complex in Niagara Falls.

It is building a $400 million office, residential and retail development, the World Trade Centre, on the Toronto waterfront.

Heighten appreciation of culinary arts

Cookbooks provide fine recipes for every taste

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Do we eat to live or live to eat? Whatever the answer, there is no doubt that this is an endless topic of discussion.

The books under review, which should bring cheer to the waning year, will no doubt heighten your appreciation of the culinary arts.

The New Doubleday Cookbook (Doubleday, $23.95), by Jean Anderson and Elaine Hanna, is an offshoot of the original *Doubleday Cookbook*, , an acknowledged classic.

The new edition has hundreds of updated recipes and cooking techniques, calorie, cholesterol and sodium counts, consumer information and a dictionary of food additives. A new bride, or even a longtime cook, will find it extremely useful.

If you add *The Encyclopedia of Cooking (Doubleday, $14.95)* to your bookshelf, you will be kept busy for a long time to come.

There are over 900 recipes in this beautifully-crafted volume, and more than 100 are shown in full-page color photographs. Last but not least, this handy reference work is packed with charts giving information on everything from saving money to planning a party.

Jane Brody's *Good Food Book (Penguin, $24.95)* is a useful addition to any gastronomic library. Brody, the health columnist for the New York Times, believes that a good diet should lean more heavily on carbohydrates like rice, pasta and bread.

Her book is organized into two parts. In the first, she explains her theory, and in the second, she offers a reader over 350 menus and meal plans. Brody writes with authority and humor.

Large expanses of Israel may be desert wilderness, but Israel is nevertheless self-sufficient in food. The Israeli farmer, using modern irrigation methods, has wrought an agricultural revolution in the Middle East.

Fruits of the Earth (Adama Books, $8.95) reflects this reality. Ricky Friesen and Naomi Moushine, having taken stock of Israel's abundant and variegated harvest, have compiled a collection of interesting recipes which should satisfy every taste.

Their eggplant pie looks delicious. But so does their date nut torte. This is a book you savor.

Greek Vegetarian Cookery (Random House, $12.95) will delight anyone who has no use for meat. Jack Santa Maria's compendium contains over 200 recipes that, in a word, appear irresistible.

How about pasta with lentils? Or spinach pie? Or cheese triangles?

A.J. Liebling, that mordant newspaperman cum-essayist, was right on target when he stated that "the primary requisite for writing well about food is a good appetite."

Craig Claiborne, the food columnist of The New York Times, conforms exceedingly well to Liebling's aphorism. Claiborne, the grand gourmet who springs from Sunflower, Mississippi, is blessed with an additional quality: he writes well and with apparent ease.

With four books under his belt, he now offers readers a fifth — *Craig Claiborne's The New York Times Food Encyclopedia (Random House, $35.50)*.

Culled from his daily newspaper pieces and Sunday magazine articles, this encyclopedic tome will appeal to a wide range of people, from kitchen dabblers who never get it quite right to backseat critics who never stop carping.

Lest a reader be misled, recipes are not included. Look elsewhere for the recipes that will bring smiles and appreciative nods from your guests.

What Claiborne and his compiler, Joan Whitman, present is a panoramic, mouth-watering survey of the wonderful and infinitely fascinating world of food.

His entries, which range from Jewfish ("I have no idea where the name comes from") to rumbledethumps (a Scottish specialty consisting of potatoes and cabbage seasoned with butter and black pepper), are brief, informative, occasionally witty and always to the point.

This book schmecks, but it needs an index.

Jamie Kennedy is one of Toronto's young and upcoming chefs, having worked at the Windsor Arms and the Scaramouche. Earlier this year, he opened up his own place, the Palmerston.

Kennedy, whose reputation transcends Toronto, believes you can prepare, "honest, satisying food" if you understand the basics, use the freshest ingredients and are flexible in adapting menus to the market.

The Jamie Kennedy Cookbook (Oxford University Press, $9.95) is a welcome addition to a gourmand's library. His recipes, having been simplified for home use, are easy to follow.

Combine Kennedy's innovative recipes with Claiborne's unsurpassed knowledge and you are a winner.

Israeli scientist speaks out

Newton's law challenged

MONTREAL —

An Israeli scientist is challenging the very foundations of Newton's law of gravity.

Prof. Mordechai Milgrom, an astrophysicist at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, argues that hidden physics, not hidden mass, is needed to explain how galaxies move.

Most scientists in this field believe that the matter visible by telescope in the universe — basically stars — represents only a small fraction, less than 10%, of the total cosmic mass. The rest is referred to as the "missing mass," and there many different ideas on what it consists of.

Newtonian physics dictate that if it were not for the gravitational pull of stars within galaxies and of galaxies within clusters, these structures would have dispersed into space due to their motion, said Milgrom, who gave this year's Weizmann Memorial Lecture at McGill University, sponsored by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, Montreal Chapter.

"We find, however, that the gravitational force produced inside these systems by matter which we can observe is by far too small to prevent them from flying apart.

"This has led to the now prevalent idea that galaxies and, for that matter, the universe as a whole contain much more matter than we actually observe — the so-called missing mass."

Milgrom's theory is that there is not in fact very much missing mass, but that gravity, at least in space, is not quite what we think it is like. He believes gravity is much more effective in galaxies that one would deduce from Newton's law.

Galaxies are groupings of about a hundred billion stars each which are constantly in motion. Galaxies themselves tend to form groups, known as clusters, in which they move with high speeds.

"I doubt very much that whether Sir Isaac Newton himself would have put forth his laws in the form that it is now known . . . if he had all the data we now have," says Milgrom, who is currently on sabbatical at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, N.J.

His law, says Milgrom, was derived from data for the solar system alone, and Newtonian dynamics have not been tested in any circumstances similar to those in galaxies. In other words, falling apples may obey Newton's laws, but do rotating large aggregates of matter act like galaxies? If traditional laws of dynamics are replaced, the need for a hidden mass theory disappears.

Milgrom calls his alternative explanation of the motion of both the solar system and the galaxies MOND (Modified Non-relativistic Dynamics). "The need for such a theory is particularly pressing because without it we lack the tool to describe the universe as a whole," Milgrom says.

Ex-Soviet Jews unite

MONTREAL —

Some preliminary steps have been taken to establish an international organization of Soviet Jews living in the Diaspora.

Felix Kuper, a civil engineer who emigrated from the Soviet Union in 1974, held a meeting here recently with members of the local Soviet Jewish community to discuss the idea.

The organization, which has thus far been based in New York, is called Ivrim World Assembly (Ivrim, or Hebrews, is the name Jews are known by in the Soviet Union.) Support for Israel is one of the cornerstones of the assembly's program.

Kuper said the organization's primary goal in Canada would be to assist Soviet immigrants in their cultural, religious and economic integration. He said many are having great difficulty in their adjustment: they cannot find jobs suited to the qualifications they had in the Soviet Union, do not understand the North American emphasis on self-sufficiency, and are confused about their identity.

Between 12,000-15,000 Soviet-born Jews live in Canada, said Kuper, perhaps 1,000 in Quebec. Kuper thinks Canada would be a better base politically for the Ivrim World Assembly.

According to Kuper, the two main programs for Soviet immigrants in the Montreal Jewish community are not addressing practical needs. The YM-YWHA Russian program is primarily cultural and educational, and the Chabad Lubavitch Organization sponsors a religious group.

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